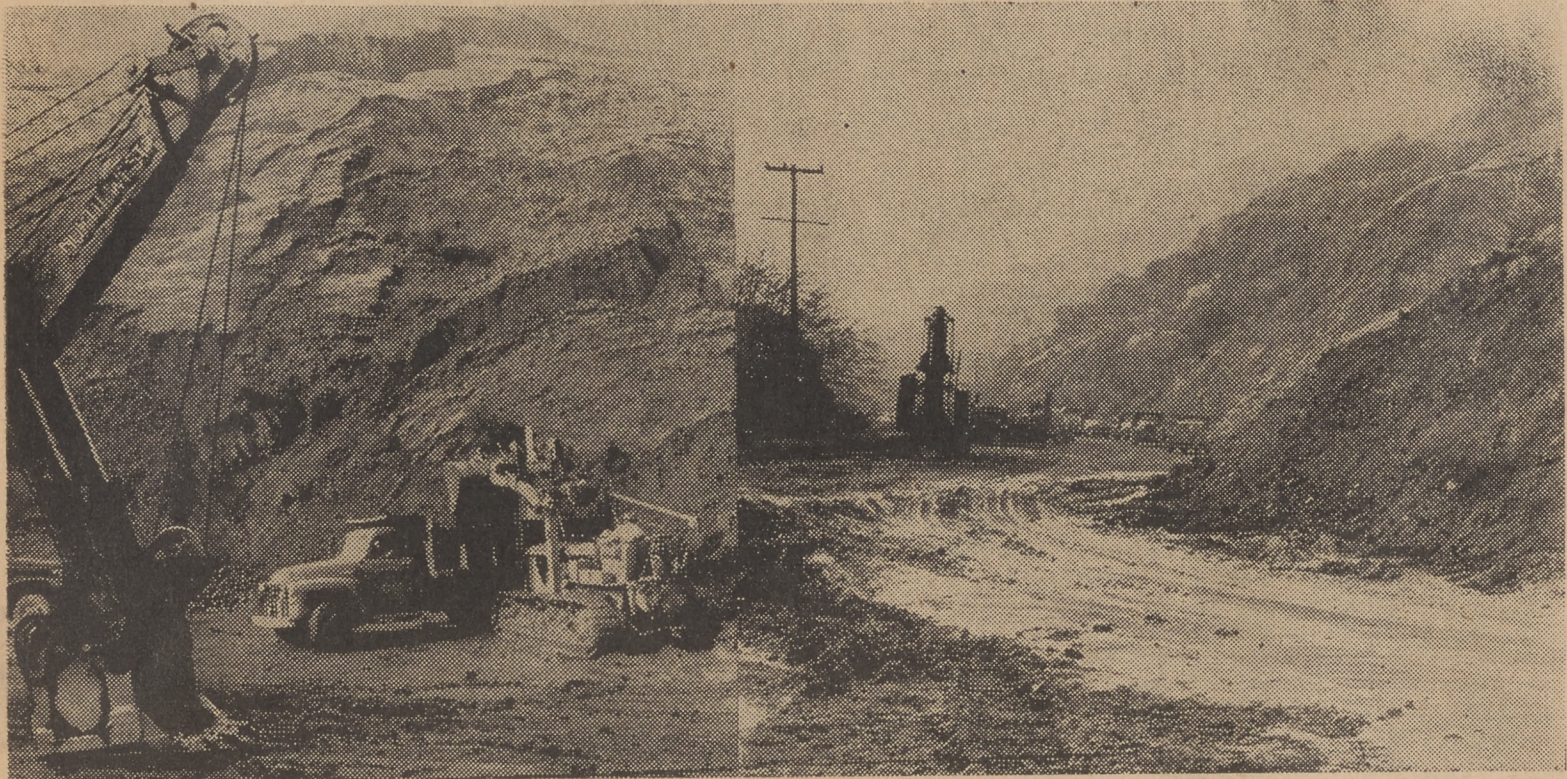


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TEN CENTS



MEN, MACHINES, LANDSLIDE EARTH — these were the protagonists in the tense drama last weekend on Mt. Diablo Boulevard three-fourths of a mile west of Orinda Crossroads. These two pictures show the progress made on Sunday in the clearing of a narrow detour around the vast slide which, dropping from the high hills at the north of the highway, covered the road the morning before.

Around-the-clock operation, under supervision of the State Division of Highways, resulted in a passage (scene at right) which was further widened by Monday morning, when it was open to traffic. Scene at left shows equipment being used in the struggle; near the hillside another bite of the not-so-good earth is being dumped into a truck. — SUN photos by Mattson

New Rains Add to Problem Caused By Slide on Highway West of Orinda

By JULIUS ROSENTHAL

Under direction of the State Division of Highways, men and equipment this week effected a narrow detour around the mass of earth, rock and trees on Mt. Diablo Boulevard about three-quarters of a mile west of Orinda Crossroads — the huge landslide which completely blocked the highway last weekend.

But new rains by midweek caused apprehension that new slides might occur and poured doubt on when the road might eventually be cleared.

On Monday morning a narrow detour around the slide had been effected by maintenance crews. By midweek the detour passage had been widened.

But motorists and engineers cast anxious glances up the deep fissure starting some 1,000 feet up the abrupt hillside at the north of the highway — the path down which the mountainous mass of thousands of tons had moved until it covered the road.

PLOPS ACROSS HIGHWAY

Three hundred feet wide, the rain-loosened section of the hillside started downward shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday, moving slowly, spreading, gaining in massiveness, until it plopped across the highway for a width of 500 feet — a 30-foot-high "island" with trees and shrubbery adorning its top with ironic-seeming beauty.

Fortunately, no injuries or buried vehicles were reported by the California Highway Patrol or the sheriff's office. But the road was closed from the Crossroads to the Tunnel, and traffic was rerouted via San Pablo Creek Road, Richmond and Berkeley and via Redwood Canyon.

Equipment that worked around-the-clock in the tough job of clearing way for passage, included five power shovels, 20 trucks and other pieces, including bulldozers.

SEVERAL DAYS

Highway patrolmen and deputy sheriffs assigned to the area predicted that it would be at least several days until the debris would be completely removed, and expressed fear that further slides might occur when the first slide-mass was removed, or in event of more rain.

The detours necessitated by the slide found westbound traffic practically bumper to bumper. Side roads, including those in the El Toyonal section of Orinda, were jammed. Travel, both westbound and eastbound, was delayed as much as four hours on Saturday.

Powerful caterpillar loaders bit into the tremendous road-sprawled chunk of earth at the foot of the hillside, attacking it from the east and the west. The dirt was dropped into huge dump trucks, which carried it off to the nearest available spots. Many of the loads were dropped into the ravine just west of the Crossroads, to the south of Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

VIEWED FROM HILLTOPS

Groups of curious, frightened persons tried to get to the site but were turned back at the Crossroads. Many viewed the awesome scene from the vantage-point of nearby hilltops.

One of the motorists driving west along the highway when the slide began was Mrs. Margaret Mahler of Lafayette, head of the speech department at Acalanes High School. "I happened to glance up and it looked like the whole mountain was coming down, slowly," she said lat-

er. "Then it began to spread."

PANICKED

"Trees and rocks were coming down. The cars ahead suddenly panicked and started to turn around. The confusion was terrible. I was scared to death."

"Drivers coming back of me had a wild look on their faces. One man in a car ahead of me jammed on his brakes, grabbed a shovel from the trunk of his car and ran toward the slide."

"A car could easily have been caught in the traffic jam and buried. I turned around as quick as I could and went home."

'LIKE MOLASSES'

The slide was described by another witness having started slowly, "like molasses."

Mrs. John Talt of Walnut Creek told the sheriff's office she was the last motorist to pass the point prior to the avalanche, and that she had lost sight of the car following her and feared it might be buried.

However, this possibility and a report that another car had been (Continued on Page 5)

Rotary Anns to Be at Wednesday Rotary Meeting

All Orinda Rotarians have been urged to bring their Rotary Anns to the special Christmas meeting of the service club to be held at Orinda Willows next Wednesday at noon.

Program Director Frank Shirey has been assisted by Mrs. Shirey in arranging the special program.

3 NEW MEMBERS

Three new members were inducted at this Wednesday's session. Stanley Massie, Maynard Buehler and George Richards. Massie was introduced by Vic Richt. Richards by Bill Hillman and Buehler by Merle Brown.

It was announced that next Friday is the deadline on reservations for the Rotary-Reno excursion on January 14 and 15. President Frank Olsen said he had received four reservations for members of the local club who have planned to go.

Rotarians and Rotary Anns attended Orinda Community Church last Sunday to hear Rev. Fred Morrow speak on "What Rotary and Church Can Learn from Each Other." He pointed out that fellowship is a primary concept of Rotary and that religion is the fellowship of man.

Plans have been completed for the kiddies' Christmas party to be given by the service club at Orinda Theater tomorrow. The program is to start at 10 a.m., with movies to begin at 10:30 a.m., according to Wayne Seroy, publicity chairman.

Need \$300 for Crossroads Bus Commuter Shelter

Slightly more than \$200 is in the fund for construction of a bus commuters' shelter at Orinda Crossroads.

Of that amount, \$125 was netted at the dance in the not-yet-opened postoffice quarters in the new Rheem building this month. Further contributions have brought the total to the present sum.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of this community project, is still hopeful of receiving funds to bring the total to the \$500 necessary before the project can even be started.

Permission to erect the shelter at the Crossroads bus stop has been received from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and construction can start as soon as the funds are available.

Any Orindan who is interested in assisting this worthy project to its conclusion is asked to mail his check to the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 95, Orinda.

Sanitary Board to Check Overcharge

At last week's meeting of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board, Chairman Elliott Johnson directed District Manager John Mason to appoint someone to handle all purchase orders as a unit in dealing with local business firms, after Director William Malott of the board's auditing committee questioned a few of the bills submitted at a previous meeting.

Malott charged that in some cases where it should be normal practice for the Sanitary District to receive "10 per cent off" for purchases, the seller had charged for material at a higher price to begin with and then "added" 10 per cent.

Proposal by the Board of Supervisors to develop a general drainage and flood control program met with a letter of endorsement by the board of directors.

Kids' Christmas Party Tomorrow

With last year's similar affair voted a tremendous success, Orinda Rotary is looking forward to a record attendance at its annual youngsters' Christmas party to be held tomorrow morning at Orinda Theater.

All children of the community have been invited to the party which will include a welcome by Santa Claus, who will present a gift and candy to each and a movie program with "Young Tom Edison," starring Mickey Rooney, as the feature presentation and several cartoons.

The movie program will start at 10:30 but youngsters are urged to get there earlier in order to be seated in time. The party is free to all children.

Bob Nordquist is chairman of arrangements, with Ben Randall lending his cooperation. Other Rotarians will assist in seating the youngsters and helping with the program.

Sanitary Board OK's Plans for L.I.D. No. 22

Initiation of proceedings to establish Local Improvement District 22 for installation of sewers in the Sleepy Hollow and contiguous areas was authorized last week by the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District board.

The board directed District Manager John Mason to make arrangements for an informative mass meeting of residents of the region east of Lake Cascade with a view to planning a smaller local improvement district (No. 23) for this area.

The session would be similar to the one held recently with residents of the Sleepy Hollow area, to explain the need for sewer installation and to get an approximate poll of residents' wishes.

The mass meeting for the proposed L.I.D. 23 has been tentatively set for January 11. The district will notify affected residents by card.

Authorization to purchase and install additional pumping equipment for the main Orinda pumping stations of the Sanitary District at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 was granted Mason by the board. The money will come from sewer construction funds.

Confirmation of assessments on L.I.D. 17 (Moraga Del Rey, Moraga Woodlands and Moraga Midlands) was continued to next Thursday night by the board.

P. and J. Artukovich, contractors for L.I.D. 13, Orinda Estates area, were denied their request for an extension of their January 2 contract expiration date on construction.

The contractors said abnormal weather had delayed the work, as had the 35 days lost in getting started on the job, caused in getting their equipment here from Lake Tahoe.

District directors determined that if the contractors had started the job promptly and pursued its completion immediately the work would have been finished before the rains set in.

Complete 1st Aid Study

Members of the Orinda Fire Department recently completed a Red Cross first aid course.

'Take a Letter'—to Santa, of Course

Like a lot of other youngsters at this time of year, five-year-old George Harlander of 123 Van Riper Lane has written to Santa Claus.

George, however, went streamlined, and, like a business executive, dictated his letter, with his mother, Mrs. Leslie A. Harlander, acting as secretary and typist. Apparently George wanted to make sure Santa would have no trouble reading his message.

Sent in an envelope addressed to Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole, the letter read:

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll house, bring me a doll-bed, bring me a Jeep, please. (Those jeeps what you get in and push the pedals and it'll go.) And little toy chairs oh, yeah,

State Studying Slide Dangers

To guard against danger of possible new slides at the site, the State Division of Highways is making thorough studies of last weekend's landslide west of Orinda Crossroads before removing the huge pile of earth from the highway, District Engineer L. A. Weymouth of the State Division of Highways stated today.

A detour around the debris, for two lanes during morning and evening peak traffic and for three lanes at other times, is being maintained, but complete clearing of the road will not be possible for many days, Weymouth indicated.

Asked how the new rainfall this week would affect the situation, Weymouth said he did not know but that he did not think the rain would cause new slides, since "the drainage is pretty good."

"It's impossible to give an initial estimate on just how soon the highway will be cleared," the district engineer stated. "Before we can go ahead with the clearing we want to be sure of what we're doing, so that new slides won't result from removal of the mass of last weekend's slide."

"We've taken some cross-sections of the slide-pile on the highway, to learn the elevation and width measurements. We're going to take some borings of the material."

"It will probably be next week until we learn what we want to know. We want to be sure we have the correct information. And after we have that information, it will be a matter of more days before complete clearing of the highway can be accomplished."

The plan was developed Wednesday night at the home of Fire Commissioner Gilbert Earle. The session was attended by Earle, Montgomery, Fire Chief H. E. Wyatt and Assistant Fire Chief Al Winsor.

Any men interested are urged to get in touch with Wyatt or Winsor at the fire house.

UNDER STATE

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Training is expected to get under way shortly, Montgomery said.

Included in the setup will be the recruitment of amateur radio operators for communications service.

INJURY COMPENSATION

Montgomery stressed that all auxiliary firemen will be covered by state compensation in case of injury incurred during disaster work or while in training.

Prior to Wednesday night's meeting, Winsor had attended a meeting of fire officials of the county at Martinez, where plans for fire department participation in civilian defense was outlined.

It was on the basis of Winsor's report of this meeting that the local department's plans were mapped.

'Messiah' To Be Part of Worship

Nativity music from Handel's "Messiah" accompanied by the Hammond organ and an eight-piece orchestra will be heard as part of the Christian worship service of the Community Church at the Orinda Theater on Sunday morning, December 24, at 10 o'clock.

This is the sixth year of these services, all conducted by the Rev. Fred Morrow. Both adult and junior choirs will participate under the direction of Margaret Popovich, with Virginia Baker as organist.

The Christmas sermon will be given on the theme "Stranger than Fiction." On that day there will be no Sunday school sessions, as boys and girls attend the theater service with their parents. Younger children will be cared for at the church Children's Unit.

Zach Montgomery On Fire Board

Zachary J. Montgomery of 6 Overhill Court was accepted by the County Board of Supervisors Monday as a new commissioner of the Orinda Fire Protection District.

Recommended by the local Board of Fire Commissioners for the post, Montgomery replaces August Reuter, who resigned because he moved out of the district.

Fire Department Seeks Volunteers For Disaster Work

Orinda Fire Department stepped up its civilian defense planning this week with a call for auxiliary firemen.

Zach Montgomery, new Orinda fire commissioner, announced that the fire department will form an auxiliary of about 40 men to serve in case of a major disaster.

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'A BAD SPOT'

The landslide site has been considered "a bad spot" for some time, Weymouth pointed out.

He recalled that a bad slide occurred at the same place about a decade ago, when the present highway was being built.

Orindans Give 114 Pints Blood

A "very satisfactory total" of 114 pints of blood was secured through an appeal to Orindans to visit the mobile unit of the American Red Cross Blood Bank which came to this community Wednesday.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce sponsored the project, with 152 persons responding to give blood for our servicemen who have suffered wounds in the Korean fighting.

Only the 114 donors were accepted, but the chamber expressed its thanks for the response of local residents, many of them businessmen who stopped in on the way home.

'EXCELLENT RESPONSE'

Mrs. Arthur Wagstaff, chairman of the Blood Bank for the Mt. Diablo Chapter of the Red Cross, said, "The excellent response of the residents of Orinda area more than justified our establishing and staffing the blood collection center. I wish also to express our appreciation to Paul Vashell and Virginia Hammond for donating the space and Mr. Kelly of Kelly's Kitchen for donating the coffee. We all hope our next trip to Orinda will produce equal results."

EARLY NEXT SPRING

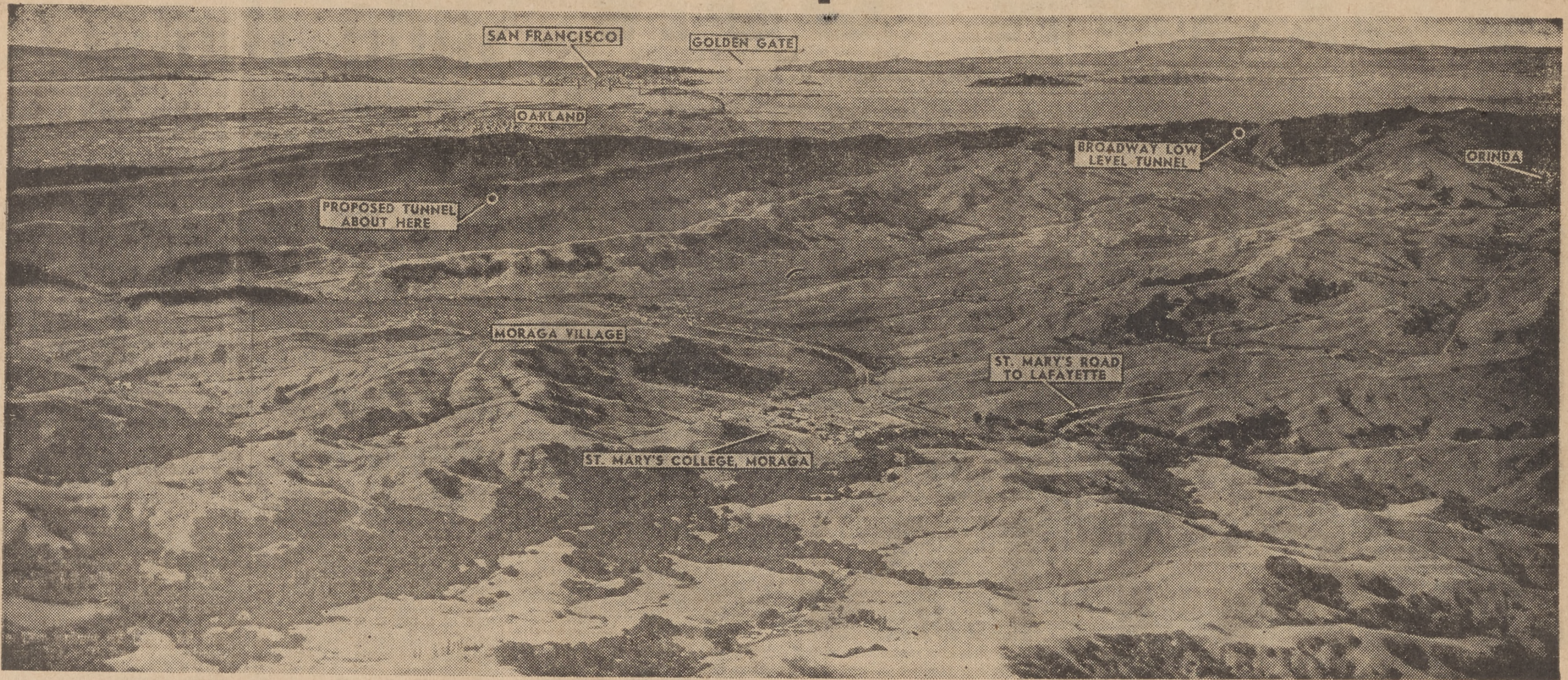
Orinda Chamber of Commerce President Bill Worden expressed his appreciation by saying, "We are all very gratified by the enthusiastic response of Orinda to this essential project. The Blood Bank will return early next spring, at which time we hope the donations will exceed Wednesday's very satisfactory total of 114 pints."

Orinda members of the Red Cross chapter, which has headquarters in Walnut Creek, assisted from noon to 6 p.m. while the unit was in town. The mobile equipment is from the Stockton Blood Bank.

100% for Jr. Red Cross

One hundred per cent is the mark reached in Junior Red Cross collections at Orinda Grammar School. Sum collected is \$66.25.

Birds Eye View of Proposed Second Tunnel



Harvey Lyons Outlines Proposed New Highway Through Shepherd's Canyon

By JULIUS ROSENTHAL

Urgent need for another major highway approach into this area from Alameda County, possibly leading into the Glorietta-Moraga section, is hammered home by the tremendous landslide west of Orinda Crossroads, Harvey B. Lyon declared this week.

He termed the slide "quite an argument for a second tunnel."

"The landslide forces on public attention the importance of having two main arteries connecting the communities on both sides of this range of hills," he said.

Lyon, who resides at Woodland Lodge, Lafayette, is prominent in citizens' highway activities on both sides of the hills through which a second tunnel, if constructed, would be bored.

He is chairman of the highway and freeway committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the highway committee of the Contra Costa County Development Association and is a member of the Alameda County Highway Committee.

"What if that slide had come down on a solid line of cars?" Lyon asked. "People might have run for their lives, perhaps, but the property damage would have been terrible."

"The present tunnel," he points out, "is the only avenue feasible for motor transportation."

"However, it has about reached the saturation point."

TO REDWOOD CANYON
A second tunnel, Lyon said, could go up Shepherd Canyon on the Oakland side and come out at Redwood Canyon on this side, leading into the Glorietta-Moraga area.

"The main thing to decide, though," he added, "is whether to use the Shepherd Canyon approach and come out into the Glorietta-Moraga area here."

"The rest is engineering—to decide whether access should be through a tunnel or over the hills."

MILITARY REASONS
Military reasons are another argument for additional highway facilities, Lyon believes.

"Camp Stoneman is near here," he said. "The present highway is the main artery to the Oakland embarkation port. If there were a war emergency, and the one artery were closed as it was this past weekend, we'd have a very serious situation."

"Also, this area would be a wonderful safety valve for the million-odd population the other side of the present tunnel, in case of disaster. But in order to come here or be evacuated here promptly, there must be additional access."

SEEK JOINT COMMITTEE

Lyon mentioned that several weeks ago the highway committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution that the Oakland chamber and the Alameda County Highway Committee seek the cooperation of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the Contra Costa County Development Association in appointing a joint committee to study the second tunnel problem and to activate a movement for realization of a second tunnel.

The present tunnel was completed by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, but the law has since been changed, Lyon said, so that another tunnel could not be built as a two-county enterprise but would have to be constructed as a state highway, unless, possibly, a new tunnel were made tributary to the present one.

The old Sacramento Northern tunnel, from the head of Shepherd Canyon to the head of Redwood Canyon is just wide enough for one train, Lyon observed. This tunnel might possibly be enlarged to be one bore of a new tunnel, he said.

'STYMIED'
For some time Lyon has been advocating a second low-level tunnel through the hills between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. He declared this week that development of Central Contra Costa County is "stymied until we have better highways."

In elaboration of this point, Lyon, who is managing partner of the Lyon Storage and Moving Company, explained:

"Oakland is under pressure to find suitable living quarters for the people coming out here from the east. As the East Bay representative of Allied Van Lines in Chicago, the biggest transcontinental moving firm in the United States, I've had opportunity to observe and study

this situation.

"Three years ago there were only 1,100 empty building sites in Berkeley. The majority of these have been built on by now.

"Where are the families that want to settle in this general area to go? Oakland can't expand housing to the north because of Berkeley. It can't grow west because of the bay. It can't grow south because of the Estuary and Alameda.

"Oakland is bursting at the seams to find suitable homes for the substantial families moving here.

ONLY DIRECTION — HERE
"The only direction in which the population can move is east, and that means either through San Leandro and Hayward or to this part of Contra Costa County.

"The San Leandro-Hayward area is largely industrial, with tremendous bottlenecks.

"Our area here is a home area. People want to come out here. It has only begun to develop.

"But the one thing holding back this development is traffic jams. We're stymied until we have better highways.

That, according to Lyon, is where the argument for a second tunnel (even without benefit of landslide) enters the picture.

SECOND TUNNEL? — This panoramic view shows part of the area which would be served by additional major highway facilities between Central Contra Costa County and Alameda County. Only one main traffic artery — State Highway 24 — serves the area today, leading through the Broadway Low-Level Tunnel (marked with circle in upper right). Proposals are being made for a second tunnel (circle, left center) which would open into the Glorietta-Moraga area. Last Saturday's tremendous landslide west of Orinda Crossroads, completely blocking Highway 24 for two days, brought into new sharpness the arguments for needed additional major highway arteries for the area. — Aerial photo by S.F. Examiner.

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Commuters Testify Against Fare Raise

Contra Costa commuters testified before the Public Utilities Commission Monday, protested Pacific Greyhound Lines' application for higher commute rates and 25 per cent increases in state-wide one way and round trip fares.

At the request of Spurgeon Avakian, attorney for the commuters, there appeared as witnesses for the Contra Costa County Commuters Association Aubrey Macomber, Arthur Bowman, John E. McKirahan and Del Armstrong.

OTHER AREAS

With them were Thomas D. Hardcastle, chairman of the Federation of Marin County Commuter Clubs, and Jack Craik, president Mill Valley Commuter Club.

All six witnesses agreed that members of their organizations were opposed to Greyhound's proposal to substitute 20 ride books (10 round trips) for the present various types monthly commute books, and indicated a preference for a 40 trip card in its place, based on being closer to a calendar month, more

efficient to use and less costly to sell.

TELL OF SERVICE

Contra Costa men testified at length about the inadequate service and poor equipment furnished them.

Macomber told of the "consistent overloading with standees of buses from Walnut Creek to Oakland and delays in the evening caused by crowded buses passing up the pass-engers waiting at Capwell's corner in Oakland."

Armstrong presented his actual count of passengers forced to stand and those left behind en route from Walnut Creek to San Francisco in the morning. He told of long waits in line at 2nd and Essex Streets, San Francisco in the evening where, with 60 or more people waiting in line, a bus will arrive with 10 seats and room for only 12 standees. The growing line then waits for three or four more buses.

TIRED OF IT

Armstrong emphasized he was a member in good standing of the association "but I'm tired of standing!"

McKirahan testified he had kept records of the loading on the buses he rides, morning and evening for over two years, and cited examples where 17 to 20 standees had been crowded in for the long, uncomfortable trip to and from San Francisco.

Marin County representatives were surprised and stated "If we had to commute under conditions like that we'd quit!"

McKirahan then pointed out "the poor mechanical condition" of many of the buses furnished for Contra Costa service, offering to identify particular buses by number.

NO ANSWER

Upon query from the commission staff he stated that protests from the association to Greyhound, addressed to President F. W. Ackerman, had for the past four months gone without acknowledgment.

To the question put by Greyhound counsel "Did you write a letter to Mr. Ackerman thanking him for the additional commute buses provided last month?" he replied he was unable to recall writing such a letter.

Association officials later asserted the two extra buses had been ordered by the commission and "certainly were not offered generously by Greyhound."

Bowman concluded the association's testimony by telling of his many years of experience trying to board a bus at Orinda in the morning and instances where he was refused by the last commuter bus, delaying his arrival at his office by as much as one hour.

He said "It takes me longer and longer to get home each evening," stating how the extra buses have been quickly filled by newcomers, making more and more buses necessary—but not yet provided.

He pointed out the tremendous growth of Contra Costa County and how much more public transportation will be needed, although so far the service has fallen farther and farther behind with no attempt made by Greyhound to provide more than the "scant service" required to keep alive the franchise; that the highway has become so congested with motor traffic—a great part of it consisting of people driving who have become "fed up" with standing on a bus, that schedules are seldom maintained and "in fact the traffic delays have caused Greyhound as of December 6, to publish new schedules showing longer, slower trips over the same routes, although more realistic as to actual running time."

REPORT DUE

Bowman has been in close touch with the Public Utilities Commission staff and reports that the results of their traffic survey for one full week in Contra Costa County starting November 27, will soon be tabulated, at which time a meeting will be set and association officials will confer with the staff to reach an agreement on how many more buses Greyhound must be ordered to provide to care for the patronage.

The commission staff recently published a suggestion that standees

on 45 passenger buses, such as are used for commute service, be limited to an average of 4.5 per bus, much less than half the present limit of 12 standees per bus now set by the Amalgamated Motor Coach Operators Union, commuter officials said.

Dr. Kenneth Potter, commissioner presiding at the hearing, expressed curiosity at the reported overcrowding of Contra Costa buses. He also raised a question as to lack of specific information in the published timetable for evening service. Dr. Potter has presided at the hearing on commute rates since the start on March 23.

In our neighborhoods, please drive carefully. How fast can you stop if a child runs into the street in front of your car?

Canyon Clubs Hold Joint Meeting

A large group of Canyon residents turned out for the three-in-one meeting December 7 in the Redwood Inn Hall.

Boy Scouts, Women's Club and Civic Club were represented. The meeting started out with movies showing Boy Scout activities. A joint business meeting discussed problems of the community. Foremost was the necessity of a new school well and ways and means of securing sufficient funds for its drilling.

Plans were completed for the children's Christmas party to be held last night.

Election of officers of the Civic Club for the coming year was a close race. When the ballots were counted, the following candidates

won: Dick Knipe, president; Roy Joynes, Vice-president; John Jencks, Treasurer and Mrs. Ollie Jaques, secretary. After the business meeting the members enjoyed a little pre-Christmas party: gifts exchanged, carols sung around the piano, and coffee and gayly decorated cakes were served.

C.C.P.T. MEETING

Group Dynamics as related to the Hayward Union High School District was explained by O. B. Paulsen, district superintendent, at the Sixteenth District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers meeting November 27 at the Haight School in Alameda.

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Canyon Students Perform In Piano Recital

Canyon School was the scene of a public piano recital last Sunday afternoon given by the pupils of Mrs. Bernice Davis of Berkeley.

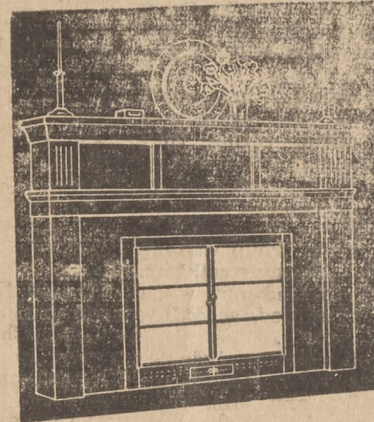
Each youthful musician besides playing a memorized piano piece, took part in a duet.

Canyon students participating were: Marcel Engle, Jackie Chessum, Claude Seeds, Tim and Bill Blascovitch, Donna and Shirlian Lonergan, Patsy Crawford, Doty and Denny Shally and Bruce and Douglas O'Neil. Refreshments in the Christmas motif topped off a delightful afternoon.

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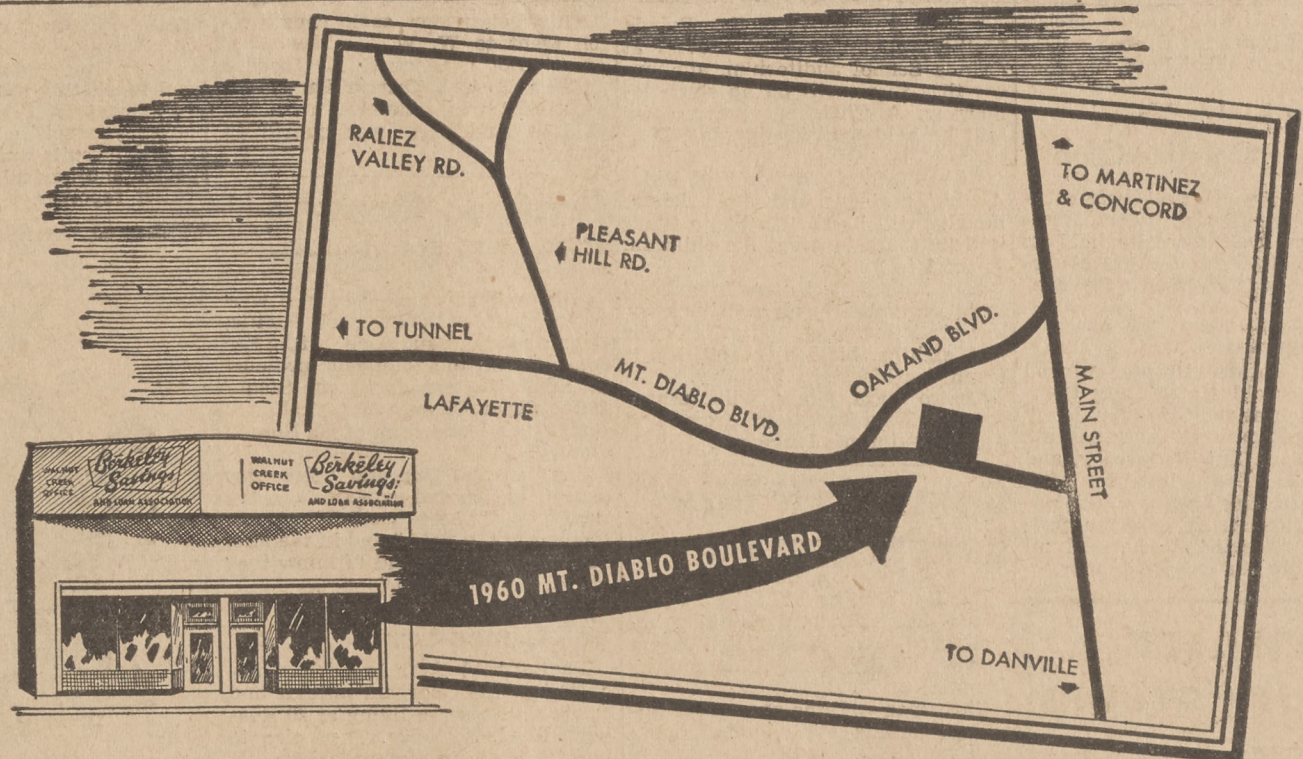
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Therapy Center Will Give Party For Its Patients

The afternoon and evening sessions of the Orinda Chapter of Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center will give a Christmas party to the patients of the Center Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in their new building at 2363 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek.

A lovely tree has been donated by the 7th District of Diablo Area Girl Scouts. The 54 patients will have a hand in decorating this tree.

Every patient will receive a personal gift from a member of Orinda's Chapter, and the children will also receive candy canes and oranges. Ice cream and decorated Christmas cakes will be served to all.

The committee in charge of this happy affair is composed of Mesdames Dan Lucas, Peter Veitch, Roger Dexter, H. S. Wise, Al Eberlin and Charles Smith.

Mrs. Mary Doyle, chief therapist of the Center, and her assistants, Miss Wilshire and Miss Barbara Knapp, welcome visitors to see their new building. Visitors may acquaint themselves with the Center's work and with its needs for equipment.

Yule Beauty in Home Described By Mrs. Smith

Section 1 of the Women's Guild met recently at the home of Mrs. William Mordy. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas arrangements by Mrs. Donald Smith of Berkeley, an old friend of the hostess.

After the serving of a Christmas dessert, Mrs. Smith demonstrated how she made her arrangements by using for miniature Christmas trees painted paper doilies, crinolin, tarleton, spangles, stars and wreaths of nuts covered with metallic paper.

A candy house made of sugar lumps, trees of candy canes and many ways of using candles and evergreen boughs were also explained by her.

At the business meeting which followed, the new officers for '51 were elected. These were:

Chairman, Mrs. Lance Barden; secretary, Mrs. William Lorimer; treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Tinkham; program, Mrs. William Mordy; ways and means chairman, Mrs. W. H. Cochran; telephone or card chairman, Mrs. Dwight Chapman, assisted by Mesdames A. C. Buxton, E. T. Meakin and Ethel Lord Brady.

Sorority Holds Xmas Dance at Country Club

Preceded by cocktail parties at many of the members' homes, Alpha Gamma Delta sorority held its Christmas dinner and dance at Orinda Country Club last Friday evening.

MEETS FRIEND

Mrs. G. Chester Brown enjoyed meeting her old friend Ruth Comfort Mitchell at the Salvation Army Christmas Bazaar in Larkin Hall, San Francisco, last Wednesday, and having tea there with her. Miss Mitchell has long been a sponsor of the Salvation Army. On the program her "Greetings" charmed all as usual with her wit and humor.

Sunday Marks Big Day for Orinda's Episcopal Church

Sunday marks an important day in the history of Orinda Episcopal Church. On that day the newly formed church will officially become a mission church under the Northern California Episcopal Diocese.

The church registry will be signed by all members of the congregation and a name for the church will be voted upon. At a recent meeting of the Bishop's Committee three names were suggested. Suggestions will also be called for from the congregation.

At the meeting a church budget was outlined and plans drawn for canvassing every member, with Paul Demeter in charge.

WOMEN'S OFFICERS

A nominating committee has been appointed to name officers for the women's auxiliary. Mrs. T. E. Haley is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Clinton Easterbrook and Mrs. Paul Demeter.

A Christmas party for parents and children of the congregation is being planned for the evening of December 23 to be held at the Scout House. A Christmas tree, carols and the showing of films will be featured.

Mrs. Robert Harrison has organized many of the teen-agers who have been practicing carols. They will sing for the children and then be guests at a party at the home of Mrs. Thomas St. Hill.

YOU CAN JOIN

Any of the young group wishing to join in the caroling may call Mrs. Heinz Nitzsche to find out when rehearsals are scheduled, according to Mrs. James Brown.

The nucleus of a future choir for the church has been meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Slattery. Any member of the congregation, wishing to join should contact Mrs. Slattery.

ACCEPTS POST

Robert Moorehead, active in the organizational planning for the church, has accepted the invitation to serve on the Bishops' Committee.

Members of the congregation and all interested Orindans are reminded that the regular 11 a.m. service will be held on December 24, but there will be none on Christmas Day. A Candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Christmas Party Show Wednesday

Teatro para Ninos, the Orinda Mothers Club-sponsored movies at Orinda School auditorium, announces that there will be no show tomorrow. A Christmas party show will be held next Wednesday, December 20.

At that time "Buffalo Bill Rides Again," cartoons and a Christmas novelty will be shown. Santa Claus will be there to greet the children. Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Last Saturday "Happy Birthdays" were sung for Carolyn Coburn for her sixth birthday, Patty Link for her eighth birthday and Larry Huns for his sixth birthday.

Teatro para Ninos will resume regular Saturday shows from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning January 6.

Candlelight Rites Set for Sunday

Sunday evening at 7, the Pilgrim Fellowship will hold its third annual Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service at the Orinda Community Church.

Christmas wreaths are still available from any P.F. member. Judy Hall announced today.

Pandora Chapter Has Baby Shower

Baby blankets, "dummies," sweaters and caps were among varied "prices of admission" to the recent baby shower held by the Pandora Chapter of the Children's Home Society at the residence of Mrs. Ida Zamloch.

This was the second baby shower the chapter has held this year. Each member contributed something suitable for babies from six months to two years old and all donations will be distributed among the children who are placed in various foster homes until adoption.

'For Others' Is Keynote of Special Service

"For Others" is the keynote of the special white gifts service of the Orinda Community Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30 when younger children will bring Christmas gifts for migrant children and older boys and girls classes are to present class gifts for boys of the Frisco Farm School at San Andreas.

The departments will observe the day as Christmas Sunday, in view of the theatre service on December 24, according to the superintendent, Everett D. Howe.

At 11 o'clock the Rev. Fred Morrow will conduct the service of worship in the church sanctuary, assisted by C. Ray Fowler and the choir under direction of Margaret Popovich. His sermon topic is announced as "Joseph."

At 7:30 Sunday evening the Pilgrim Fellowship will present its annual Christmas candle-lighting service in the church. It will be followed by a period of fellowship at which the young people will serve refreshments. The community is invited to all events of the day.

New Residence Permits Granted

Permits were granted for three new residences and garages in Orinda area the week ending December 8.

Owner Dr. Merle Noble was one of those granted permission for such construction at Lot 26, La Plaza and Camino Sobrante, estimated cost \$7,940.

Owner and Builder G. W. Daysdale will build a residence and garage on Lot 75, Don Gabriel Way, Moraga Del Rey, estimated cost \$14,280.

Third okay for such construction went to W. W. Goldsworthy, owner, Lot 7, Block G, El Toyonal and La Espiral, Orinda Park Terrace. Cost was estimated at \$6,800. C. Ron Anderson was named as builder.

Frances Groves Sings in Messiah

Frances Groves of Orinda, a senior student at College of Pacific, delighted her audience with her solo parts in the "Messiah" presented Sunday afternoon by the Stockton College Chorus and Orchestra under the leadership of J. Russell Bodley.

Miss Groves' soprano voice was especially rich and expressive in the recitative, "There were shepherds abiding in the field," and in the airs, "Come unto Him" and "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Sell Canon Dr. Home

Having sold their home on Canon Drive, the George Penfields and Paula Collings are living at 20 Roanoke Road, Berkeley. They plan to build a home in Happy Valley.

Guild Elects Officers for New Year

The General Guild of Orinda Community Church held its Christmas party December 5 at the church which was decorated with Christmas garlands and a tall shimmering Christmas tree.

Guild President Mrs. Stanley Huns called for the report of the nominating committee which was read by Mrs. Lance Barden.

NEW 1951 OFFICERS

The slate of officers for 1951 was then unanimously adopted as follows: President, Mrs. Richard Hafner; vice president, Mrs. Ralph Phelps; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Almond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Blue; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Booth; auditor, Mrs. Charles Pimentel; historian and publicity, Mrs. G. Chester Brown; program, Mrs. H. Harris; membership, Mrs. Lou Branch; philanthropy, Mrs. Jesse McMillan; ways and means, Mrs. D. M. Anderson; kitchen supervisor, Mrs. Peter Veitch; commissioner, Mrs. Madge Barnes; thank offering chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Hutter; devotional secretary, Mrs. John Ogden, and adviser, Mrs. Stanley Huns.

Mrs. John Ogden told the story of the Nativity quoting from memory the passages from the Scriptures

and the Gospels, telling of the prophecies and the birth of the Christ Child.

PRESENT GIFT

Mrs. H. Harris, program chairman, presented the outgoing president with a nylon gift from the Guild and thanked her for her service as president after Mrs. John Dorr, former president, left. Mrs. Harris introduced her mother, Mrs. A. C. Ramsey, who enthralled all present with her telling of a Christmas story, "The Star in the Well."

Refreshments were served from an attractively Christmas decorated tea table. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames H. Atkinson, C. W. Kersten, Peter Veitch, Alice Brown and D. M. Anderson of Section 3, and assisting them Mrs. B. O. Wilson, Mrs. Fred Morrow, Mrs. Ken Hutter and Mrs. C. Franklin De Wolf.

Camp Fire Girls Enjoy Field Trip

The Orinda Camp Fire Girls had a most enjoyable and instructive trip to Fleishacker Zoo December 2 in company with their leader Mrs. Everett Dempster.

They studied the animals, giving most of their time and interest to the monkeys on Monkey Island. Last Saturday morning they had a field trip studying local fungi. Work continues on their ceremonial head bands which bead by bead patiently woven in are developing beautiful symbolic patterns. December 23 the group will have dinner with Mrs. Dempster and then go out Christmas caroling.

Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission announces an examination for junior draftsman. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. December 22.

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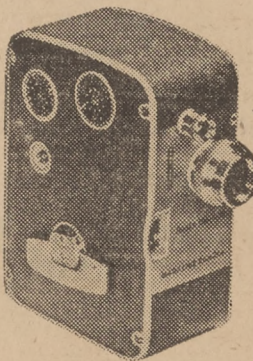
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Scout Show Nets \$700; Hut Will Be Improved

The big show presented by Orinda Boy Scout Troops 200 and 207 and Explorer Post 300 on November 24 netted over \$700 for the troops' treasuries.

The affair was held in Orinda Grammar School auditorium before a large audience.

Three hundred dollars were allotted Dr. Ralph Hall for necessary improvements in the Scout Hut on Orinda Park Pool property, where the three troops meet.

IMPROVEMENTS
Improvements planned include installation of an overhead blower type gas furnace, additional plumbing and improving the kitchen. Parents and scouts will do some of the work as soon as possible, according to Orville Sutton, publicity chairman for Troop 207.

The \$400 balance was divided among the three troops for their activities.

Tentative plans have been made for a fund raising paper drive, Sutton said, with the date to be announced.

COURT OF HONOR

Troop 207 held a Court of Honor Tuesday night at the Scout House. More than 30 boys received awards.

Among visiting scout officials present were Forrest Rhodes, district advancement committeeman; George Hawkins, Diablo district executive officer, and Ian McLaughlin, scout headquarters official.

Chamber Places Christmas Banner

Planting a bright and cheery message, Orinda's holiday greetings in the form of a Christmas banner stretches across Orinda Highway at the Crossroads.

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce, cooperating with local merchants, placed the banner as a festive addition to the gaily decorated store windows of the community.

Bill Worden, Chamber president, has expressed a hope that an additional sign will be added each year until enough have been accumulated to really make a showing.

REVELERS' PARTY

Friday night, December 22, the Santa Fe Revelers, folk dance group, are having a Christmas party with turkey, cranberry sauce and all the fixings at 54th and Market Streets, Oakland. Larry Miller will call squares and be M.C.

In our neighborhoods, please drive carefully. How fast can you stop if a child runs into the street in front of your car?

Pack 52 Plans Busy Schedule

Orinda Cub Pack 52's new flag was displayed for the first time at their regular meeting at Orinda Grammar School last Friday night. The Christmas theme prevailed, with Bob Brown leading cubs, parents and friends in carols. Boys of each den marched up to place the ornaments they had made as their group projects on the Christmas tree.

All but one den had its den flag or den doodle on display, Den 2 winning the pennant for honor den with most awards received. Den 4 won the attendance award.

AND SANTA, TOO

Santa appeared as a special honored guest and passed out gifts to every boy. Den 4 provided refreshments and Den 7 had made popcorn balls as a surprise.

Den project for the month has been making and filling Christmas stockings to be distributed in the Children's Hospital of the East Bay. Each den brought theirs ready to be delivered to ill youngsters.

SKIP 2 MEETINGS

At a committee meeting Monday night at Bob Brown's, it was announced that all dens except Den 9 would skip the next two weekly meetings, December 20 and 27, because of the holidays. Den 9 will take a field trip to Snow Museum December 20.

February 10, the cub and scout show will be held at Acalanes High School. Cubs of Pack 52 will display their den projects.

RADIO IS THEME

Theme for the coming month is "radio." At the next meeting each den will present a short radio skit of not more than five minutes, Bob Anthonisen said. Den 3 will present the opening ceremony.

A field trip to visit a fire boat in the bay has been planned tentatively for sometime in January, as one of the new year's activities.

Henceforth, the denner from each den will report at the meetings on his group's activities.

STORK CLUB...

New family member in the home of Dick and Ann Copenhagen is a son. His name is Chris.

Drive very carefully — the life you save may be your own.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas parties, Orinda and Glorietta Schools, Santa Claus present at 11 a.m. for morning kindergarten, 1 p.m. for rest of classes.

Orinda Mothers Club, morning bridge section, Mrs. Russell Gilwee's home, 41 La Cuesta, 9:30 a.m.

Orinda Mothers Club, afternoon bridge section, Mrs. Don Hunter's home, 20 Sunrise Hill, 12:30 p.m.

Basketball—Acalanes vs. Livermore, at Livermore, 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, meeting and Christmas party, at home of A. B. Bullock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
Orinda Rotary Club's Christmas party for children, Orinda Theater, 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Services at Orinda Community, Orinda Episcopal, Santa Maria and Christian Science churches.

Orinda Episcopal Church, organizational meeting, Scout Hut, Park Pool, immediately after 11 a.m. service.

Pilgrim Fellowship, third annual Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service, Orinda Community Church, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Orinda Lions, Christmas party, Acalanes Parents Club, Acalanes High School, evening.

Mt. Diablo Men's Garden Club, Christmas party meeting, Planters Dock, 6:30 p.m.

Pandora Chapter, Children's Home Society.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Orinda Branch, Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center, Christmas party for patients by afternoon and evening sections, at new Therapy Center, 2363 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek, 1 to 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Teatro para Ninos, Christmas party, Orinda Grammar School auditorium, 1 to 3 p.m.

Rotary Club, Orinda Willows, 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Orinda Fire Board, Orinda Fire House, 8 p.m.

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District board, 1822 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek, 8 p.m.

PLAN NURSES' COURSE

Because of the increasing demand for adequately trained practical nurses, Herrick Memorial Hospital, in cooperation with the Berkeley Evening School, will enroll a new group of students February 19, 1951, according to an announcement by Miss Katherine B. Stott, R. N., director of nurses.

FIRST TWO WEEKS

At the end of the first two weeks of the sale of Christmas Seals in Contra Costa County 8,231 out of the 65,224 envelopes mailed had been returned.

Orinda firemen kept spectators at a safe distance away because of danger of slides on other portions of the embankment.

HEAD BACK

Some of the motorists near the landslide when it started turned their cars around and headed back on the wrong side of the highway. Others, however, halted their cars directly in the path of the slide and watched, until they were warned to keep moving.

At first the slide moved across the highway at the rate of four feet a minute for a 15-minute period. Then it slowed to a foot every nine minutes.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" This question will be the subject of the Christian Science Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, December 17, with the Golden Text taken from First Chronicles: "Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations" (16:23, 24).

Other citations from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, comprising the sermon, will include the following:

Luke 8:24: "And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

Science and Health: "Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science" (p. 171).

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Kids' Birthdays Popular as Ever!...

Who had a birthday? Take a look:

MARILYN MERRIAM

Marilyn Merriam celebrated her fourth birthday on Saturday, December 9, with a luncheon party followed by movies. Her guests were Sue Farrington, Connie Harsha, Marilyn Anderson, Lauri Brown, Gail Haywood, and her brothers Bob and Ricky.

MIKE CATHERALL

Mike Catherall had a gay time on his 10th birthday, Saturday, December 9. After a regular boys' lunch of hot dogs with trimmings, he and his friends went to Roller-

land. Those joining him were Jeff Rankin, George Cory, Phillip Branch, Jack Ogden, John Boyd, Roger DeWolf, Wally March, Dick Schreiber, Walter Baumgarner and Stephen Smith.

JACKIE CONDA

Jackie Conda took the 26 girls in Mrs. Collings' fourth grade to Rollerland as her guests on Friday afternoon, December 8. The occasion was her ninth birthday.

LARRY HUNN

Larry Hunn was six years old Saturday, December 9. He celebrated with a luncheon party and then took his guests to Teatro para Ninos. His friends were Steve Miller, Stephen Botjer, D. B. Woodcock, Sally Schmidt, John Cooper, Hank Lofland, Bobby Hobbs, Judy Green and Dick Suttleff.

Where Did the Mud Come From?

It's late and it's wet, a happy combination that is going to hand you your weekly weather report straight this time.

December 6 through 12, the maximum temperature of 66 degrees was recorded on the 9th as was the minimum for the period, 44 degrees. Rainfall for the week was 3.24 inches, bringing the seasonal rainfall from July 1 to 21.12 inches.

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By STELLA JONES

When we walked up the pretty, colored stepping-stone path to Santa's domicile last Saturday morning and peeked in the window of his cute little house in the Lafayette Plaza Park, everything looked just as we had hoped it would.

Yes sir, there was Santa—big as life—and just as jolly as we remembered him in former years.

One entire corner of the Sugar Plum House is taken up with his big red chair. Garlands of evergreens encircle the rafters and splashes of color here and there give the little room a gay and festive appearance.

BOX—AND BARREL

A box on Santa's right is filled to the brim with candy canes for his visitors, and on his right is a large barrel that unfortunately has never been more than a quarter full of toys for the children at Weimar Sanitarium.

But Santa is sure that the boys and girls in this area will not let him down when they understand what this barrel is for and what they can do to help. Well, the story is this:

There are about 75 patients in Weimar (near Auburn) afflicted with tuberculosis—their ages ranging from six months to 20 years and including an entire family of four—father, mother, sister and brother.

GIFTS FOR THEM

Now, if each visitor to the Sugar Plum House would like to make one of these sick people happy at Christmas time, he might bring with him one article, such as a doll, a toy train or a toy truck, for younger children, or cosmetics, stationery, toothpaste, games for the older ones.

These things need not be new, but should, of course, be in good condition.

Mrs. George Matey, Orinda 2173, is in charge of the group of women who are behind this drive to remember the Weimar patients, and should anyone desire to make a cash donation towards the Christmas stockings that will be filled, it will be gratefully received.

STACK OF LETTERS

When we asked Santa Claus if he ever received any mail, he chuckled and pointed to a stack of letters on the table beside his big Record Book. Here are some samples of the correspondence he is busy deciphering.

The first, we suspect, was handed Santa on the sly, and goes like this: "Dear Santa Claus: Will you please tell Billy to stop biting his fingernails? Thank you. We like trucks, cars, tow trucks." (Unsigned.)

The next two remind us that dolls always have been and probably always will be the perennial "first" in the heart of a little girl: "Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll with curly hair, doll house, doll bed, Toni Doll, baton, Story book doll, Indian dress, Cowgirl hat, boots, doll clothes.—Susan."

"Dear Santa: I wood like a doll that talks and walks, story book doll, stove, doll house, doll bed, cupboard, trumpet, high chair, radio—Beverly."

BIKE, BB GUN

From a boy whose birthday must be dangerously close to the 25th: "Santa: Racing bike (for birthday please), BB Gun, Tool chest, Lincoln Logs, Statues, Bow and Arrow (cork), Garbage truck, Football, Toy Tow Truck, Cow Boy boots and train things.—David Edwards."

And for something just a little bit different we have: "Santa: Want doll bath, doll high chair, bathing suit—1 piece and pink, stockings of red, green and orange, and a record player. Thank you—Gloria."

DOING HIS BEST

Well, old Santa Claus is doing his best to fill the bill for all his little friends in the area, as each day sees more and more boys and girls visiting him at his little story book house in Plaza Park.

This same Sugar Plum House is going to be awarded some lucky child December 23 at Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Christmas party at Acalanes High School.

Second prize of a bicycle and 12 other prizes will be awarded at the same time.

SANTA NEEDS HELP

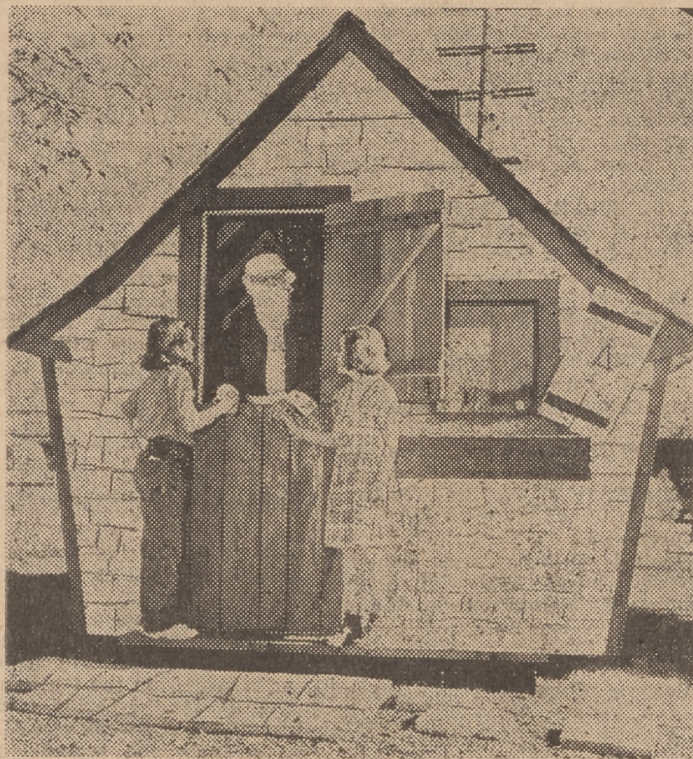
According to Mrs. A. E. Huston, chairman of the Sugar Plum House, over 200 children saw Santa the first week of his rainy stay in Lafayette.

Santa's hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., are broken into two shifts. Mrs. Huston is making a plea for men to assist Santa, who is at the Sugar Plum House every day except Sunday.

Well, after one last look about this happy little room and a few words to Santa about keeping his feet dry so he'll be hale and hearty on Christmas Eve we bid farewell to him and to the two Forum women attendants who assist Santa in registering the visitors. (The Lafayette Forum is sponsoring the Sugar Plum House and provides two shifts of two women each day.)

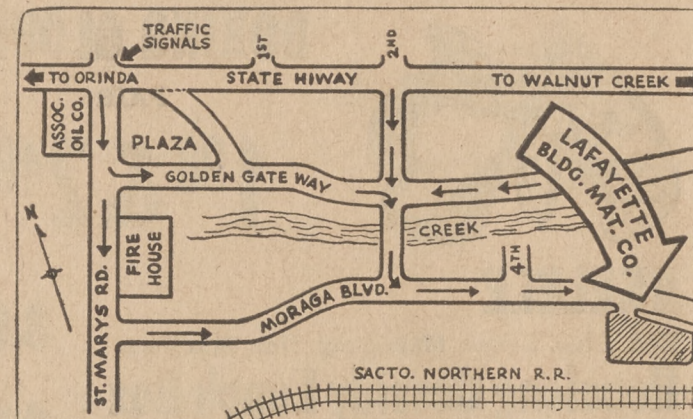
Now, we are about to turn away when we remember to ask if pictures are being taken of the kiddies on Santa Claus' knee as they were last year, and we are told that just as soon as the electricity is provided—and that will be any day now—Geri Fry will be on hand with her trusty camera.

We pick our way over the gay stepping-stones thoughtfully provided by the Chamber of Commerce and look back over our shoulder at the precious little house built to a child's specifications and brightly painted in Christmas colors (in between showers by Chamber of Commerce men), and think that the children in this area are indeed fortunate to have all this—and are spared the city crowds!



HE'S THEIR PAL, all right, as Donna Stegman, 10 (at left) and Barbara Hamblin, 9, shake hands with Santa Claus at the Sugar Plum House at the Plaza in Lafayette. This is Santa's headquarters and youngsters can visit him daily (except Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Assisting him are the women of the Lafayette Forum. Santa asks that children bring good toys to him for distribution to the young patients at Weimar Sanitarium. — SUN photo by Mattison

Here's Where We Are...



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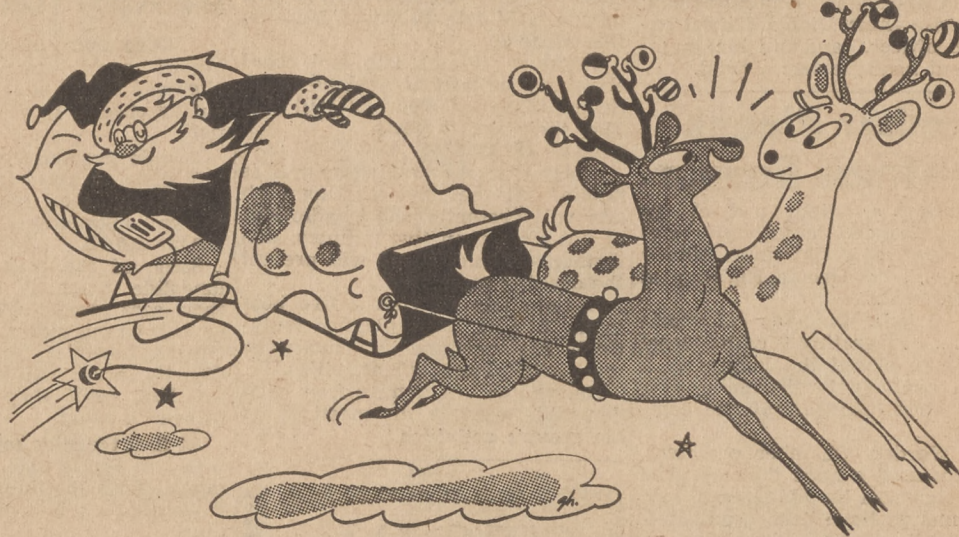
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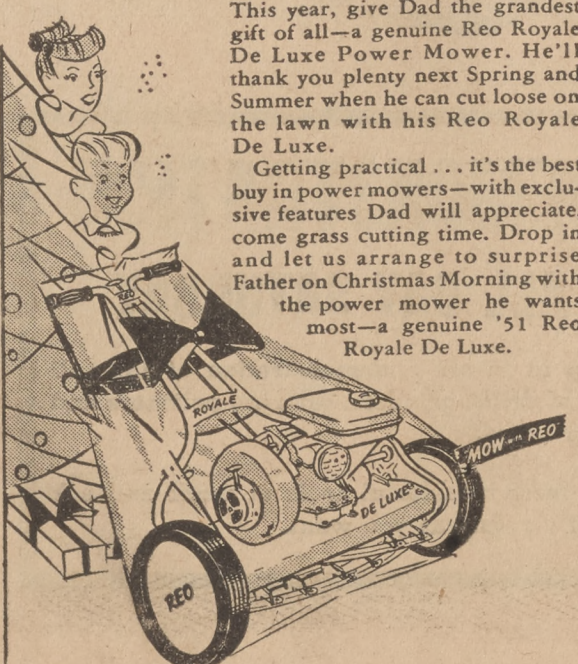
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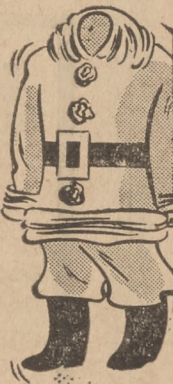
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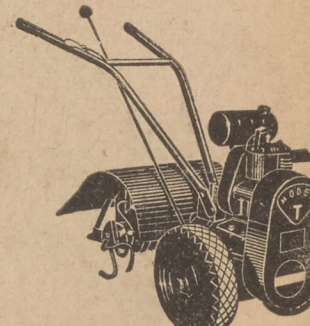
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Acalanes Students Give Their Gift—'Little Match Girl,' 2 Choral Groups

Acalanes Union High School's annual Christmas production, a regular Yuletide gift to the community, was presented last night in the Acalanes gym. Admission was free.

More than 100 students were in the cast of the production which featured both a fairy fantasy, "The Little Match Girl," with Miss Mill-cent Hamburger's modern dance group, and the mixed chorus and girls' chorus, directed by Bruce Handley and Oscar Busch.

IN THE CAST

Included in the cast for last night's presentation were:

Girls' Chorus:

First sopranos: Beverly Abbie, Phyllis Arnold, Janet Bailey, Joyce Cottrell, Faye Davis, Eleanor Domingos, Dorothy Floyd, Sandra Harrington, Helen Jarvis, Janet Letendre, Shirley Mahl, Diane McFadden, Michele McFarland, Janet Morris, Beverly Mumford, Pat Nunley, Diane Osborn, Clara Parkel, Renee Reiter, Nilda Rocconi, Carl-ette Sawyer, Joah Schofield, Pat Smith.

Second sopranos: Anona Allen, Silva Aweeka, Betsy Boyd, Ina Mae Cockerton, Lynn French, Diane Green, Wilma Hall, Silvia Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Pat Matheson, Claudia Mauzy, Marilyn Miller, Lauretta Osban, Carol Phibbs, Margaret Porter, Mavis Silva, Pegg-ette Southworth, Joyce Taylor, Judy Toland, Carol Treestail.

Altos: Sally Aiman, Marianne Burchfield, Sharon Cockburn, Adele Gorman, Barbara Gray, Nancy Johnson, Frances Kiernan, Judy Lavinder, Elaine Stott, Mary Thies.

SOLOISTS

Soloists: Joyce Cottrell, Beverly Mumford.

Accompanist: Nancy Carlson.

Mixed Chorus: Bill Abreau, Betty Argo, Marianne Burchfield, Bob Cappa, Ann Champlin, Pete Cook, Joyce Cottrell, June Derry, Janet Greene, Darlene Gregory, Gordon Grigg, Joyce Guldenzopf, Doug Hockett, Nancy Johnson, Sue Johnson, John Jolley, Phil Laing, Art

Lassagne, Kathleen Manning, Janet Morris, Les Overstreet, Richard Pep-pin, Carol Peterson, Anna Pierce, Bill Power, Carlotta Sawyer, Gary Shallenberger, Barbara Shusta, Nick Snel, Leroy Sommers, Mary Thies, Joan Wolf, Janet Woodmansee, Ann Yeager.

DANCE GROUP

Dance Group, Petey Bedard, Pat Bermingham, Marge Blankenship, Clarice Brannan, Janet Chantler, Carola Courtright, Shirley Daniels, Sally Fleager, Lois Galbraith, Peggy Gray, Judy Hall, Aviee Hatton, Margaret Hawley, Chris Inman-Kane, Janet Janse, Lesley Heche, Elizabeth Lyser, Katherine Kyser, Ann McAllister, Diane Robertson, Erna Soder, Barbara Springston, Anne Summers, Kanen Tynes, Nira York.

OUT OF THE KITCHEN

An ordinary kitchen cleanser, the kind the housewife keeps around the sink for pots and pans, is one of the most effective agents for the removal of tar or other substance particularly hard to get off tires. Mechanic's soap, which contains a mild abrasive, is another agent that may be used for the same purpose.

Homes-Garages in Building Permits

Permits for four new residence and garage units were granted owners in Lafayette area the week ending December 8.

Construction permits were issued to the following:

Owner H. Senger, Lot 20 and 55, Glenside Drive, Laguna De Los Palos Colorados, builder S. Johnson & Son, Danville. Estimated cost, \$8,400.

Owner H. Cabral, Oakland, Reliez Station Road & Stow Lane, builder

S. L. Nalch, Walnut Creek. Estimated cost, \$11,820.

Owner and builder L. E. Gamer, Walnut Creek, two residences and garages, portion 35 and Lot 48, Carol Lane and Janet.

Construction cost of one unit was estimated at \$7,800 and the other, \$8,160.

Upon application for permission to add to his residence, owner R. Edwards was granted a permit for such construction at Mt. View Drive, Lafayette Heights, at an approximate cost of \$450. C. J. Krattenmaker, Lafayette, will be builder.

Mrs. Studebaker's Sister Died Sun.

Funeral services were held at the Grant Miller Mortuary Chapel Tuesday afternoon for Mary E. Johnston of Berkeley, sister of Mrs. Marjorie Studebaker.

Mrs. Johnston, who died Sunday, was 65 years old and a native of Syracuse, New York. Widow of the late Harry G. Johnston, Mrs. Johnston is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Riggs of Bakersfield and Mrs. Norma Woods of Oakland, a grandson and a great-grandson. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery.

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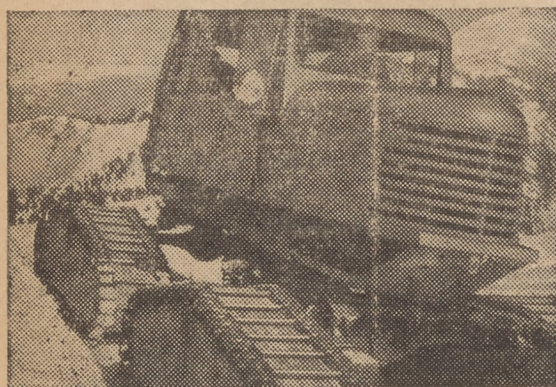
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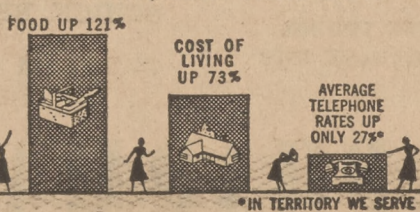
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Work Incomplete So Inspection of School Units Off

Previously scheduled inspection of additions to the Orinda and Glorietta Schools was called off suddenly last weekend because 81 items were incomplete, according to Superintendent of Schools Joseph L. Sheaff.

The inspection, with the view of accepting the buildings, had been set for 1 p.m. Saturday. But about 5:30 p.m. last Friday Sheaff received a report from the architect, Jack Buchter, and the inspector, T. L. Jensen, listing the incomplete details.

So the tour was called off until such time as the items are taken care of, Sheaff said.

SOME OF ITEMS

Some of the details listed were: Touch-up painting, balancing the heating system, patching various minor leaks, repairing minor leaks in plumbing connections, patching outside cracks in the stucco, adjusting leaky valves, cleaning off the hardware (paint dabs on door-knobs, etc.), cleaning off roof, repairing brick.

"If we accepted the buildings, there would be endless checking on the items," Sheaff explained. "It's true that many of these are minor, but the job has to be as near-perfect as possible before the board can accept it."

Generally, the contractor, David Zuckerman, has done "a very satisfactory job," Sheaff added. However, acceptance by the board must wait completion.

JAN. 8 MEETING

Sheaff said the matter would come up again at the next board meeting, January 8.

Sheaff stressed that the board's action in calling off the inspection was not meant as a criticism of Zuckerman. "He did a good job," the superintendent said. "I don't think I've seen a contractor who cleaned up as well as he did after work was done."

The inspection was to have been for structural portions, which have been used for classroom purposes for several weeks. Exterior work, such as rock walls and paving, has been delayed by the weather, which makes date of completion uncertain.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A LAND USE PERMIT BY THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 382

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contra Costa County Planning Commission will give consideration to the application of Orinda Community Church for a use permit.

Said application is to modify provisions of Section 4 Subdivision F Subsection 1 of the provisions of Ordinance 382 as hereafter set forth, namely: to have 10' side yards.

Property is located on the following maps which appear as Subsections R-A of Section 3 of Ordinance 382.

Brief description of property: descriptive parcel owned by Orinda Community Church on Irwin Way off San Pablo Dam Road.

The time and place of said hearing will be in Room 210 Hall of Records, Martinez, California, Dec. 19, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

RENE NARBBERES, Secretary
Contra Costa County
Planning Commission
O-44, Orinda Sun, December 15.

Dr. Galen Fisher Speaks on Korea

About 80 members of Seafarers, Clippers and Shipmates and guests gathered at the church December 8 to hear the outstanding speaker, Dr. Galen Fisher, speak on Korea.

He stated that the North Koreans had been indoctrinated for a long time in Communistic principles when many of their people had lived in Siberia and many had been sent or taken to Russia. On the other hand the South Koreans when freed from Japanese control had been eager and to a surprising degree successful in adopting a democratic government.

BREAK TRADITION

Dr. Fisher said that in China the Russians are breaking family traditions, almost the only loyalty Chinese had felt down the ages, by teaching the children to spy and report on their elders.

The Nationalists now gathered in Formosa, he said, were not equipped even in warm clothing to be of assistance to the U.N. forces, nor could their loyalty be depended on. He couldn't predict events in Korea.

TEACHING NECESSARY

He didn't think it would be possible to overcome the spread of Russia's power through military means but rather, in time, by teaching the principles of democracy and Christianity through an exchange of many students and representatives of all types of workers and artisans. The cost of this plan would be great but not so great as maintaining wars.

Refreshments were served by the

James A. Drake Dies Suddenly

Masonic funeral services were held Tuesday at the Clarence N. Cooper Chapel on Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, for James Alexander Drake, 59, who died suddenly last Saturday afternoon at his home at 66 Monte Veda.

A native of Malden, Wash., Drake is survived by his widow, Mazie; five sisters, Mrs. Iva Gunther and Mrs. Dona Patterson, both of Sacramento, and Mrs. E. L. Olson of Seattle, Mrs. Stanley Elder of Bellevue, Wash., and Mrs. William Dean of Dunsmuir, and three brothers, John, Lawrence and Edgar Drake, all of Lake Bay, Wash.

Rites were conducted by the Masonic Board of Relief. Cremation followed at the Chapel of the Chimes.

Drake was employed as mechanical superintendent at Howard Terminal, Oakland. He was a member of Malden Lodge 188, F. & A. M., and of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers.

At Herrick Hospital

Expected home by Christmas is Mrs. B. E. Monroe, who is ill at Herrick Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Brady Ill

Ill at Peralta Hospital is Mrs. Ethel Brady.

co-hostesses Mrs. T. Schilling, Mrs. Joseph Creighton, Mrs. Kirk Miles, Mrs. George Penfield and Mrs. G. Chester Brown. The program concluded with the singing of Christmas carols.

2 Plays Enjoyed By Mothers Club

Orinda Mothers Club regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, Miss Haviside's Glorietta kindergarten presented "Santa's Toy Shop." The Orinda kindergartens, under the direction of Mrs. Martila and Miss Sawyer, presented "Santa's Department Store."

These were thoroughly enjoyed by the mothers, for the children gave a beautiful performance. The kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Barr, who accompanied on the piano, deserve a vote of praise.

Refreshments were served by mothers of Miss Knox's fourth grade under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jack Stahl, assisted by Mrs. Jack Carlson, room mother of Mrs. Parker's second grade. Coffee was donated and prepared by Mrs. A. H. Horsell of the Nescafe Company.

The Mothers Club is grateful to the Dramateurs and Mrs. Andrew Cathall for supplying and helping with the makeup in connection with the Christmas party to be given today for the children. Santa Claus will be present at both schools and will present a candy cane to each child as a gift from the Orinda Mothers Club.

Orinda Mothers Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and wishes to express thanks at this time for the cooperation and assistance given in making the various activities a success this year.

Drive carefully—the life you save may be your own.

Newcomers Welcomed to Orinda

Among new residents who have been extended a welcome to Orinda are the following:

C. A. Abbott, 10 Don Gabriel; H. A. Altorfer, 42 Hillcrest; H. Arnot, 82 Sleepy Hollow; Jack Bernhard, 19 Culver Court; R. A. Blackmer, 141 El Toyonal; E. L. Bloomster, 27 Los Dedos; Dr. Harold Brown, 310 Moraga Highway.

C. L. Campbell, 25 Altamont; William H. Cary, 242 Overhill; F. C. Cicero, 5 Pico Court; Gordon Connell, 43 Crest Ciew; H. J. Cunningham, 41 Hillcrest; O. H. Dahlstrand, 120 Brookside; W. E. Davis, 37 Daryl Drive; F. M. Fowkes, 4 Parklane Drive.

C. D. Galvin, 50 Don Gabriel; C. J. Goebel, 212 Manzanita; Ted Hatfield, 33 Hillcrest; Ray Haywood, 67 La Cuesta; M. L. Healy, 97 Lombardy; Earl E. Hill, 9 La Cresta.

John Jeffrey, 16 La Plaza; H. L. Jewett, 138 Lombardy Lane; R. L. Johnson, 49 Monte Vista; Spencer R. Kendall, 39 La Cuesta; B. T. Kelly, 52 Hillcrest; Robert Klemmendon, 77 El Gavilan; Merle Lindblom, 4 Southwood Drive; F. A. Mulvaney, 45 La Noria; Walter Mulks, 45 Don Gabriel; W. J. Miller, 75 Orchard Road.

Thomas H. Nicholl, 21 La Fond Lane; John Nicholl, 131 Orchard Road; Willard E. Patton, 29 Charles Hill Circle; M. W. Radonich, 72 Orchard Road; T. Richardson, 17 La Fond Lane; W. M. Sawyer, 24 Claremont; J. B. Saunders, 42 California

Street; Leroy M. Schuller, 37 Hillcrest; H. M. Spengler, 55 Lost Valley Drive.

Robert R. Stewart, 121 Meadow Lane; Murray D. Studley, 4 Irving Lane; Donald L. Tice, 22 Daryl Drive; Francis B. Tobias, 202 Overhill; A. Wiedenacker, 88 Loma Vista; M. E. Williamson, 69 Southwood; A. R. Winans, 94 Tarry Lane, and James Nelson, 109 Hillcrest.

Nineteen Pupils Attend Symphony

Nineteen students from Orinda and Glorietta Grammar Schools attended the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra's concert for young people at the Berkeley Community Theater last week.

From Orinda School, the following went: Jody Gompertz, James Brooks, Susan Wasson, Mary McFarland, Arne Groennings, Julie Allen, Heather Ambler, Phillip Dempster, Wade Wallace, Smedley Ambler, George Harrison, Kathleen Young, Norma Wadell, Judith Henderson, Billy Cline and Kathy Cline.

Glorietta School pupils at the concert were Frank Soule, Peter Olsen and Ann Rapport.

Mothers who accompanied the students included Mesdames Soule, Allen, Wallace and Brooks.

Alpha Delta Pi Dance

Alpha Delta Pi alumnae and their escorts attended the sorority's dinner dance at The Willows last Saturday night. Mrs. Philip Knox, Jr., president, was chairman of the affair.

Bennett Recovering

George Bennett is improving nicely from injuries suffered in an accident in September while he was horseback-riding.

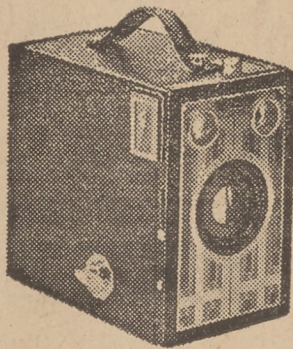
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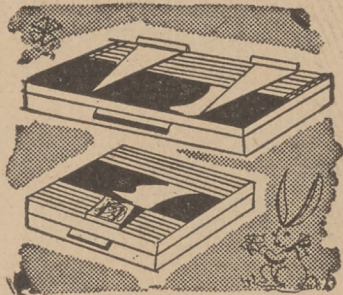
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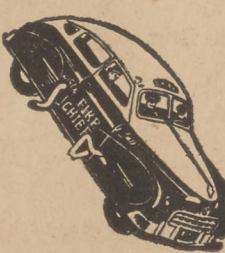
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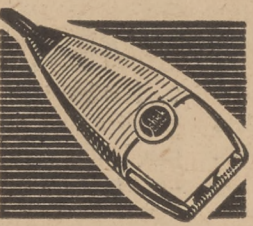
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Slide Closes Highway; Berkeley, Oakland Isolated



LANDSLIDE that covered Mt. Diablo Boulevard about three-fourths of a mile west of Orinda Crossroads is shown here shortly after thousands of tons of rock, earth, trees and shrubbery plopped onto the highway from the hills at the north side of the road last Saturday. This area's only major traffic artery was completely choked off by the huge mass for almost two days, while men and equipment, under the direction of the State Division of Highways, worked around-the-clock to clear a narrow detour for vehicular passage. This view is from a vantage-point just west of the hillside down which the avalanche moved.

—Berkeley Gazette photo by James O. Mahanay

Schools Announce Disaster Program For Local Areas

Formulation of a disaster program to be used in the event of any man made or natural disaster in the Acalanes area was announced by school authorities yesterday.

Acalanes High, Lafayette District, Orinda District, Canyon and Moraga schools will use the program.

In a special letter forwarded to all parents of students in schools within the Acalanes District, school officials stated that all pupils, "Will be kept at school during the period of any great danger until the danger is over, since it is not a practice to take them home." Because of the road congestion, parents are also requested not to call for their children.

WHEN DANGER OVER

The letter advises parents that pupils will be dismissed from school and buses will be operated at the regular time or as soon as the danger is over after school hours.

While at school children will remain under the immediate supervision of their teachers, who have already been instructed in general disaster safety measures.

CAUTION GIVEN

School officials emphasized caution against panic, stating that the school will do all in its power to provide safety precautions against any disaster.

The disaster plan was arrived at and agreed upon by school heads after several months of study and deliberation.

Duncan Death Termed Natural

A coroner's jury in Walnut Creek recently ruled that death of William Duncan Thanksgiving Day was caused by failure of the heart and a swelling of the right lung.

The jury concluded the inquest held by County Coroner Dr. C. L. Abbott after exhaustive tests had been made to determine the cause of Duncan's sudden death.

He was found dead Thanksgiving Day by Mrs. Eleanor L. Allen and her daughter at their Brookwood Road home, where he had been invited as a holiday guest.

Witnesses at the inquest included Duncan's partner, Ray Turner; Mrs. Allen and her daughter, Inspector Norman Wilson, Deputy Sheriff E. O. Stockman, Mrs. Mildred Jayne Duncan, estranged wife of the deceased, and James Sysum, an uncle who resides in Colfax.

SECOND SECTION THE SUN

Raising \$600 at Acalanes HS for Therapy Center

Out to raise \$600 by today as a gift for the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center, Acalanes student officers buckled down this week to an intensive fund-raising drive among the student body members.

Started last week as their annual welfare activity, the campaign to raise funds for occupational therapy equipment for the center gained momentum as the drive deadline neared.

Student officers plan to present therapy center officials with their check for \$600 today at a special yuletide assembly for the entire student body.

Last year the Acalanes student body raised \$1,000 just before the Christmas holidays to purchase therapy equipment for the center. The year before the students collected canned goods for distribution to charitable organizations.

76% Get 'A' in Citizenship at Acalanes H.S.

Lee Russell, Acalanes counseling director, announced yesterday that roughly 76 per cent of the Acalanes student body received "A's" in citizenship for the first grading quarter just completed.

Twenty per cent received "B's"; 3 per cent "C's" and .05 per cent "D's" and "F's" respectively.

The citizenship grade, a grade given in addition to regular grades for class work, rates the student's ability to conduct himself successfully in the school society. It provides an incentive for, and a measure of, each student's current ability to assume general citizenship responsibilities.

The citizenship plan has been working successfully at Acalanes for the past several years, according to school officials.

FORMER RANK

The Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Oakland announces that it can now reappoint former Marines to their old rank upon reenlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve. Men accepted for enlistment under this program will be assigned to active duty immediately.

Here's Reaction to Slide—'Let's Get That Second Highway'

That the terrific landslide west of the Crossroads underscores with dramatic forcefulness the urgent need for a second major highway artery between this area and the Oakland-Berkeley area was the reaction of many Lafayette and Orinda residents this week.

"This shows what could happen in event of a disaster, and how easy it would be to sabotage highway facilities," declared Marvin T. Bonds, president of the Orinda Association.

HIGHWAY NEEDS

"There's no question but what additional highway facilities are needed in the area, and this slide points up that need very definitely."

About 18 months ago the Orinda Association called to the attention of the county that if anything happened to the road from the Tunnel it would isolate the area, because the secondary roads are not adequate for the traffic.

WILDCAT CANYON ROAD

"It was pointed out at the time that the Wildcat Canyon Road, going through East Bay Municipal Utility District land and to Tilden Park, was the most practical route to Berkeley, next to Highway 24. That's the only other way without going clear over to San Pablo or using Redwood Canyon."

"The association has been calling to the attention of both the state and county the necessity for additional highway facilities."

"It's no longer a matter of 'this could happen.' We've seen what actually has happened, with secondary roads inadequate to serve the needs."

HIGHWAY DIVISION

"The Highway Division is to be congratulated for the speed with which it got on the job and for having passage cleared by Monday, after working night and day."

Bonds mentioned that recently the Orinda Association decided to ask State Senator George Miller, Jr., and State Assemblyman Robert L. Condon to use their influence in seeing that appropriations were made for construction of a second tunnel.

"This slide is quite an argument for a second tunnel," observed Harvey B. Lyon of Lafayette, chairman of the highway and freeway committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Contra Costa County Development Association's highway committee and of the Alameda County Highway Committee.

"One of my trucks just missed the slide," (Lyon is managing partner of the Lyon Storage and Moving Company.)

WHAT IF SOLID LINE?

"What if that slide had come down on a solid line of cars?" he continued.

Orinda Schools Superintendent Joseph L. Sheaff remarked, "It

makes one shudder to think of what might have happened."

M. H. Stanley of Lafayette, president of the Acalanes High School District board and member of the Lafayette School District board, also stressed that the landslide emphasizes the need for one or more additional traffic arteries between this area and Alameda County.

OVER HILLS

However, Stanley stated he believed that roads over the hills between the two counties would be a more satisfactory avenue of approach than would a second tunnel. "Beautiful scenic drives could be built along the contours of the hills," he said. "These could lead into one or more major highways for this area, by a sort of clover-leaf arrangement."

"The trucks are using the present Tunnel, anyway. Why not build these drives over the hills for passenger cars? There really isn't need to bore for another tunnel in that case."

Lloyd Holton, chairman of the recently formed area-wide Diablo Highway Improvement Federation, said that the slide and its implications would undoubtedly be "the No. 1 topic" at the December 27 meeting of the Federation at Lafayette Town Hall.

Holton is also president of the Hilltoppers Association of Lafayette.

EL TOYONAL SECTION

Edmund Richard, Jr., president of Orinda Highlands Association, said that, according to a count by Warren Potter of El Toyonal, a member of his organization, at times 30 cars a minute, coming from Berkeley, traveled over the county roads in the El Toyonal section Saturday and Sunday, as result of the slide.

"Beyond Lomas Vista intersection, the El Toyonal-Vista Del Orinda-Las Piedras-Lomas Cantades roads, providing the start of a short cut into Berkeley, can only be considered one-way — and sections of these were hampered by minor slides," he said.

"If a real disaster occurred, we would have only a one-way escape

route. It should be widened to two-way all the way."

"It's county road all the way to Wildcat Canyon."

ROAD BLOCK

"Because of the overcrowding of these roads, the County Road Department Monday night placed a road block at Grizzly Peak Boulevard and Lomas Cantades, leaving room at one side for only one car to go through at a time."

"The removal of school bus service from El Toyonal because of unsafe conditions was a bad enough situation. Now, on top of that, we have the jamming of these inadequate roads when the main artery — the state highway — is hit by a major impediment."

'OBJECT LESSON'

"A dramatic object lesson to us all" is the way the slide was described by Bob Clough, chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Orinda Association.

"One huge slide of earth, and the only major artery between our homes and places of business was completely severed. Subsidiary roads were completely inadequate. The result was chaotic."

"Fortunately, this time there were no tragic results. But imagine

that road being choked off at a time when a major fire is sweeping through the hills, when all available East Bay fire-fighting equipment is needed to save life and property."

"Imagine the chaos on that road in the event of any major wartime catastrophe."

'ANOTHER TUNNEL'

"We must have another low-level tunnel. Even normal traffic requirements today beg for it. For two years now the Orinda Association has demanded it."

"Let's all campaign for it while it is only a necessity and not a symbol of tragic and inadequate planning."

Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, clerk of the Lafayette School District board, said: "This shows how vulnerable we really are in this area."

Christmas Seal Reminders Sent

Realizing that some 1950 Christmas Seal Sale letters might be mislaid amid the pile of Christmas mail coming to the average Contra Costa County home these days, the Contra Costa Public Health Association, sent out "Seal Reminders" to a number of county residents, according to Mrs. C. R. Alexander, county Seal Sale chairman.

Mrs. Alexander added that if any contributor had sent in returns since the reminders were posted, she hoped that residents would realize that the two probably crossed in the mail.

Persons not receiving Seals through the mail may purchase them at the following locations: Martinez, Postoffice and Reed's Stationery Store; Walnut Creek, Postoffice; Richmond, Chamber of Commerce, 337 10th Street and The Chimes Press, 1114 Nevin Avenue.

Returns from the 1950 Christmas Seal Sale in Contra Costa County thus far total \$20,477.75.

New Uniforms for Senior Girl Scouts

Good news for Girl Scouts is found in the announcement at the last district board meeting that the Diablo Area Council has approved the new senior scout uniform for use in the Diablo area by 7th and 8th grade scouts.

The uniform consists of a white, short-sleeved, button front blouse with emblem on pocket and a swing type circular skirt with the rubberized waist band (to keep blouse neatly in place). This outfit is completed with an overseas cap in dark green. The regular intermediate uniform will continue to be worn by the 5th and 6th grade girls.

204's Mothers Club Party Tues.

Members of the Mothers Club of Troop 204 will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Morris Hunt Slater Cabin to hold their first annual Christmas party.

According to Mrs. O. E. Schirmer, president, it is hoped that there will be 100 per cent attendance for the social evening. The members will exchange gifts, and there will be a gaily decorated Christmas tree.

What Happens If Worms Turn?

Overhead in the crowd that stood gaping with astonishment at the immensity of the slide that covered Tunnel Road near Orinda last weekend was this remark from a very young lady who either must be a fishing enthusiast or a great nature lover:

"Daddy, how many worms do you think they will find in that dirt?"



Buy Christmas Trees at the Girl Scout Lot in Lafayette

Annual Sale Raises Funds for Group

If you're looking for a Christmas tree (and who isn't going to be sometime within the next 10 days?), please have a look at the Diablo Area Girl Scout Christmas tree lot located at the redwood house, across from Happy Valley Nursery in Lafayette.

On display are a wide variety of silver tips, Douglas firs, white firs, wreaths, door charms and tree preservatives.

Each year Bill Gordon takes a pleasure and pride in purchasing the very finest trees for the Girl Scouts. He supplies the truck and men necessary to deliver them to Lafayette—at his own expense. Likewise the Lafayette Appliance furnishes the wiring and electricity free and distinctive signs are provided by Guernsey Ford, Walnut Creek artist.

According to Mrs. Homer E. Winterton, general chairman for the Christmas tree sale, there will be a regular paid helper on hand at all times to do the heavy work in getting trees to cars. He will be assisted by Girl Scouts and their parents from each of the seven districts on regularly appointed days.

So far, Fred Seulerberger and Jack Pedder have each offered their services for a stretch on one of these days.

Since the prices of trees at the Girl Scout lot will be competitive, hopes are high for swelling a rather flat general fund.

Retail Business Building Gets OK

Sole building permit issued in Lafayette area for the week ending November 30 was granted to owner Ethel M. Knedler, Berkeley, for a retail business on Lots 1 and 2, Mt. Diablo Boulevard at Brown Avenue.

Kilgore and Booth of Oakland were listed as builders with the estimated price of the structure set at \$10,000.

In our neighborhoods, please drive carefully. How fast can you stop if a child runs into the street in front of your car?

Art Lessons Now Offered by J.C., Diablo Assoc.

Individual guidance, a promising step toward a new program anticipating the coming year for the Diablo Art Association, has been offered to painters.

A new and interesting addition in art education for the membership, sponsored jointly by the Contra Costa Junior College and the Diablo Art Association, offers local artists their opportunity in the field of expression.

Frances Young, instructor in art at the Junior College, successfully conducted classes for members of the D.A.A. at a recent Tuesday evening workshop meeting.

An honor graduate of the University of California and student of California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco, Miss Young exhibited her capacity, establishing confidence in the group. At the general meeting held at the Coast Counties Gas building in Walnut Creek, an interesting lecture and display by Miss Young covered Art and Artists.

Included in the new program for the membership is a juried Art Exhibit for the springtime activity, an unjuried show, a festive Art Ball and a specially planned membership drive to be conducted by chairmen selected for the occasions.

Girl Scout Area Office Busy Spot

There's a drive on all the time at the Diablo Valley Area Girl Scout Council office on Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette.

It's the drive to carry through the Girl Scout program for 1,492 girls and 600 adult leaders in the area which includes the following school districts:

Acalanes and San Ramon high school, Oakley Grammar School and Pleasant Hill, Diablo, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga and Canyon elementary.

Mrs. Imogene Anderson is office secretary. Mrs. Karl Pape is council president.

The office, above the E. J. Carey real estate office and near the Acapulco, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone number is Lafayette 4414.

Holiday Is Theme At Glen Taylor

The beautiful Christmas story in all its simplicity is the theme for the pre-school group of Glen Taylor School in Walnut Creek from now until Christmas.

Through songs, pictures, poetry and stories the children become familiar with the story which is so well known to adults but so amazingly new and fascinating to little ones.

"As we learn, we do and that is why our Christmas basket for others is fast filling up," Grace Watkins of the school said today.



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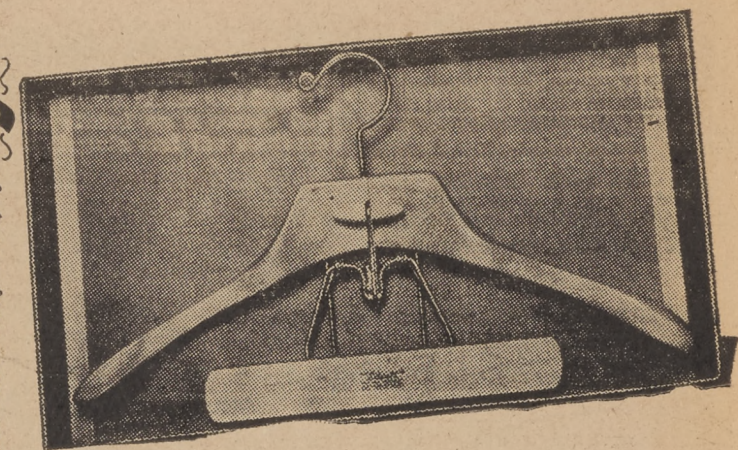
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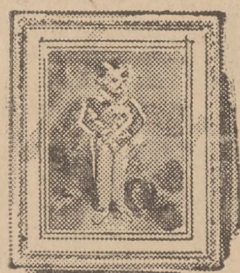
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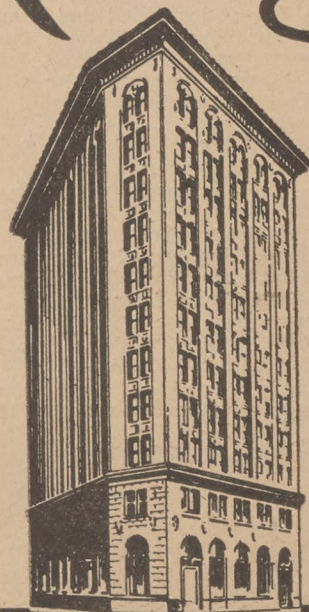
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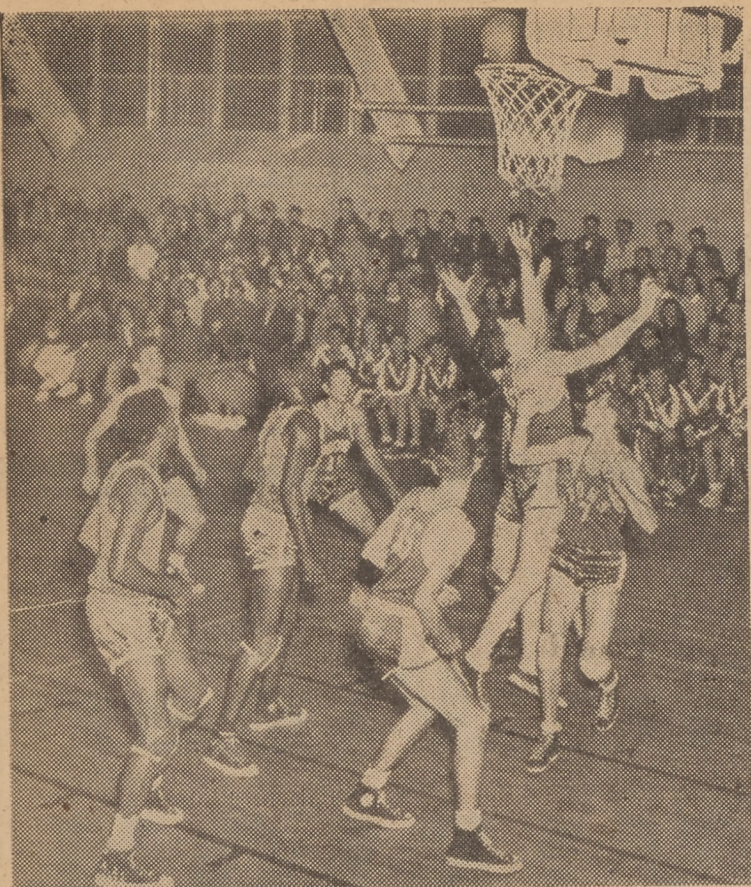
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TWO POINTS are just about to be scored for the Dons in this tense moment of last week's Acalanes-El Cerrito basketball game at the Gauchos' court. Bob Kleckner (7), ace Don forward, missed a shot from the side but Bob Borghesani (16), Don center, retrieves the ball and, leaping high, tosses it into the basket. Bob Diehl (15), Acalanes forward, waits to see what will happen. El Cerrito players fascinatedly watch the ball roll in. Borghesani was high-point man for Acalanes. Despite such excellent teamwork, the Gauchos proved too much for the Dons and won, 34-27. —SUN photo by Mattison

1950 Grid Season Officially Becomes History as Dons Receive Annual Awards

By ERWIN MATTISON

THE DONS held their annual football banquet Thursday night of last week under the sponsorship of the Walnut Creek Rotary Club, and one of the awards was for the outstanding senior player of the past season.

By vote of the team members, the recipient was Bob Winkench, who was regular right halfback on the varsity.

It was a particular honor for Bob, inasmuch as he was a newcomer to the school, having transferred from St. Mary's High of Berkeley.

Leaving St. Mary's was a special sacrifice, since he had been elected to student body vice-president for the current school year.

His playing and his attitude on and off the field won him the honor of being chosen outstanding.

A personal trophy was presented, and in addition his name goes on the perpetual trophy, on display in the school Trophy Case.

GARY DE ANGELIS won the coveted Ted Fry Memorial Trophy for the most courageous linesman. This trophy was presented at the school's annual Awards Assembly at Acalanes last Friday morning, at which the Varsity players received their letters.

Gary won the honor the hard way. Small as football players go, he started the season as a substitute, but became first string center.

THE COACHES' AWARD to Cort Bacon was acclaimed by the squad as a whole.

Based on team spirit and attitude, Cort's trophy came as a surprise only to himself.

His sole thought throughout the season was to do his best and never to complain. More often than not he was the first on the field and the last to leave.

He stood ready and willing to fill in wherever needed and took a turn at everything, from guard to backfield.

His principal concern was being of help and his love of the game. It is a matter of record that he attended every practice.

Unfortunately he failed to make enough points to qualify for a letter. His achievement of team spirit and attitude won him a higher honor.

This presentation was made at both the Planters Dock banquet and the Awards Assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS are also in order for "Buzz" Williams, who made a guard spot on the All-County team.

All awards were well received by everyone, and this year in particular went to very deserving players. An orchid to each of them!

THE DONS' basketball teams appear to possess better balance this year than for some time.

Scoring and playing ability seems to be well divided and as a result the teams present a well-balanced attack.

Lack of experience is the main handicap but that means that the lads will probably continue to improve as the season goes along.

It remains to be seen how the teams will fare in league play, but that question will soon be known, as the Dons swing into league competition against Albany High on Friday night, January 12. Incidentally the game will mark Albany's debut into the Contra Costa League.

HARRY NIELSEN, who held down a regular varsity guard spot and the only regular holdover from the 1950 team, left for the Marines last week.

Harry was counted on for heavy duty and was also an important cog in Coach Charles Eaton's track team, where he rated as the county's outstanding discus thrower.

Five members of the Acalanes football squad have been given a chance to usher at the Rose Bowl game.

The Dons have ushered at all of Cal's home games.

WC Rotary Entertains Don Gridders

The Walnut Creek Rotary Club gave its Annual Football Banquet for the Acalanes 1950 Varsity squad at Planters Dock Thursday night of last week with a group of 60 in attendance.

Grid members of the Varsity squad and team coaches were the honored guests of the evening.

GALA EVENING

Rotarian Tony Cvietusa was chairman of the affair, which proved to be a gala evening complete with a good talk by Bob Cunningham, plenty of good food and a movie of the California-U.C.L.A. game of 1950.

Bob Cunningham is an athlete of renown, having been a member of Cal's Rose Bowl team of 1949 and a member of the basketball team, where he lettered for three years.

His informal talk, relating to personal incidents, and a question-answer session, proved popular with everyone.

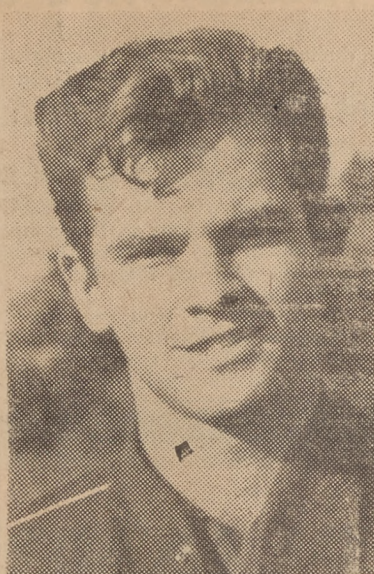
AWARDS

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to two players.

The Walnut Creek Rotary Club annually presents a trophy to the senior player voted outstanding by his teammates for the past season. This year's award went to Bob Winkench who was a standout all season long both on offensive and defensive.

The coaches' award for team spirit and attitude went to Cort Bacon, who was a guard on the Varsity.

Copious quantities of chicken, Chinese food and pork chops were



BOB WINKENCH, Don half-back, who was given the Walnut Creek Rotary Club's award for outstanding Acalanes football player of the season. —Acalanes Blueprint photo

Dons Keep Close But Bow to Both Piedmont Teams

Height and experience spelled the difference Tuesday afternoon when Piedmont's Highlanders put on a last-quarter splurge to rack up a 48-37 varsity win.

The game found the Dons threatening to overtake the visitors throughout the first three quarters but never able to take the lead as the Piedmont five, paced by big Bob McKeen, hit the hoop just often enough to stay out in front all the way.

EFFECTIVE GUARDS

Roger Linn and Bob Winkench proved to be an effective guard combination for the Dons and contributed six points apiece, to add 12 points to the Dons' side of the scorebook.

Bob Borghesani was high again for Acalanes, with nine points, while Bob Kleckner was not far behind with eight.

THAT BOB McKEEN!

Bob McKeen of Piedmont entered the game with a high scoring reputation, having hit for an average of 16 points per game up to the Don encounter.

Big Bob, all six-foot-five of him, showed that his scoring had been no fluke as he raised his average in hitting for 23 points in 11 field goal and one from the free-throw line.

Sixteen of his points came in the

Rotary Addressed By Jack Schneider

"Preparation for Winter Planting" was the topic discussed before Orinda Rotarians at their luncheon session at Orinda Willows last week, with Jack Schneider of Orchard Nursery in Lafayette as guest speaker.

A camellia plant and an azalea were brought to the session by Schneider, Merle Brown and Larry Moore winning them as awards during the meeting.

Stan Massie of Massie-Underwood realty office was welcomed into Orinda Rotary as a new member.

Final plans have been completed for the giant Christmas party to be given at Orinda Theater December 16, with all children of the community invited as guests. Bob Nordquist and Ben Randall are in charge of this annual affair.

second half.

BEE GAME

In the Bee game Don Westlund captured high point honors with 10 points scored on five field goals, but Piedmont proved more adept at all-around scoring and ended up with a 28-23 win.

The Bees sorely missed Al Culp, fireball forward who was out with a leg infection.

The Bee game was much like the Varsity tilt in that the Dons kept in range all the way. But Piedmont put on a final burst of buckets in the final minutes to win.

SPORTS

Don Cagers Face Livermore Tonight

Tonight the Dons travel to Livermore High, where they will engage the Livermore High Cowboys, with the Bees taking to the hardwood at 7:30. The varsity game will follow the Bee encounter.

The Dons are favored to cop these two in preparation for the league play which commences with the advent of the new year.

Practice and games will be at a standstill over the holidays, due to a league ruling.

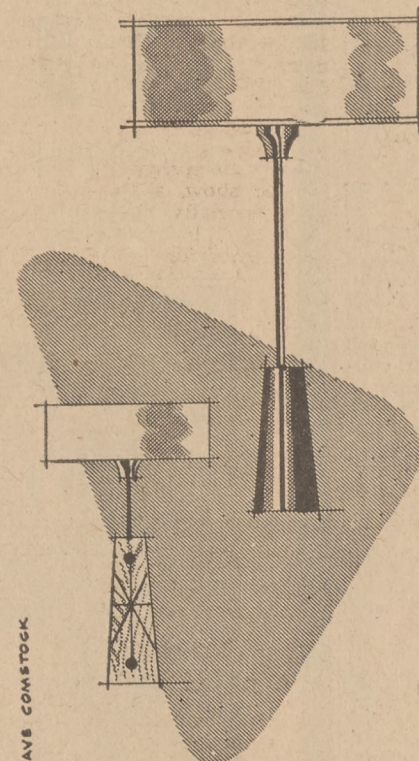
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Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission announces an examination for library messenger. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. December 22.

LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

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All those hours bucking other Christmas shoppers, the aching feet and flattened "baby sitter" banks for dads and brothers? Now I wonder just who they really are for?

FRIDAY'S GAME, "Senior Men" vs. "Mighty Men of the Faculty" ended, as you know, with the seniors squeaking ahead 13 to 12, and was that something! Inside information has it that some of the faculty were pleased that the seniors hadn't invited them to play. Of course, the reason was that the seniors were afraid of them. (Now Matt, you know there's only room for ten players at a time.)

WHEN YOU HEAR SENIORS GROANING about their double life, it's not what you think. YOU just try to take time out to pose for pictures (to say nothing of getting the where-with-all to pay for them — ouch!), be measured for caps and gowns and all the other senior stuff, and — keep up grades, classwork and homework. But do the teachers show mercy? Oh sure, yeah, and a big hah hah!

IT WAS NEWS TO US that a lot of other C.C.C. schools don't have our citizenship grading system. When the County Student Council gathered at Acalanes to toss around problems and ideas, that, and the public address system which continually broke into the meeting to make school announcements, seemed to interest the other guys and gals the most. Don (ok, Set to you), Gordy, Judy, Carola and Dodie explained the grading, but the interruptions were harder to explain.

THERE WAS HARDLY A DRY EYE at the assembly for the Therapy Center, what with the softies bawling over that little kid who couldn't remember his speech and the others laughing so hard at them. His forgetting his well-learned speech was a lot more effective than anything he could have said to make that movie we're going to give up look pretty unimportant. Six hundred dollars should come fast for such a swell cause, so let's go!

Let's face it, kids, haven't last year's famous "Junior Girls" turned into this year's pain-in-the-neck? Sure, it's a minority, as usual, but aren't you sick of their smart-aleck stuff; crowding into cafeteria lines, acting like goons in the halls, and spending wakeful nights thinking up cutting and catty things to do and say, to name a few. Oh, yes, and their everlasting, "I'll bite!", coy, "somebody made a funny!", and "Oh, don't worry" (to name a few) have gotten to be ough stuff, and this somebody isn't "making a funny!"

"NOW THIS COMES OUT OF SHERIFF LONG'S personal income, it is not done for political reasons, it is a tradition of Mr. Long to have the pictures taken of all visiting classes." After hearing the guide-officer sing that fifty times, we all pledged our vote to Sheriff Long in the next election, just so he could continue his fine tradition.

It was reassuring to hear said sheriff give us a straight from the shoulder statement that he didn't consider juveniles who tangled with the law juvenile delinquents, then told us (here we make quick use of a slide-rule) there were approximately 165 j.d.'s in our fair county. Kidding aside, it was impressive as heck to see our county hoosegow.

The only sour note was the bunch who barged into part of the said

hoosegow where they had been told not to go. Since it might have caused a lot of embarrassment, it's too bad they weren't left there.

MY MOM SEZ — that it's simply amazing the new things she gets that I think look too terrible on her, but somehow seem just the right thing for me. Ok, so you use that line, too, there may be other Donnas not so enterprising, see?

Acalanes Trio in Science Competition

The science talent search conducted each year for Westinghouse Science Scholarship Awards by the Science Clubs of America has three Acalanes students pursuing pet projects in the competition.

Katherine Lyser and Jack Wilent of Lafayette and Jim Hall of Orinda are preparing for their preliminary examinations in the competition which they will take December 16. Each is 17 and a senior.

TURTLES

Katherine is studying the life processes of Pacific pond turtles, with several live specimens at her home and the skeleton of a third

which she has been reconstructing in her project.

Jack, who is "wrapped up" in electronics, at which he is considered an expert, has developed a special device incorporating a new method of tuning in radio frequencies and separating them from natural and man-made interference. He has a home workshop where he carries on his experiments.

FISH

Jim Hall's scientific study concerns relationship of fish occupying portions of Hat Creek, a trout stream in Shasta County, to their surroundings and stream conditions.

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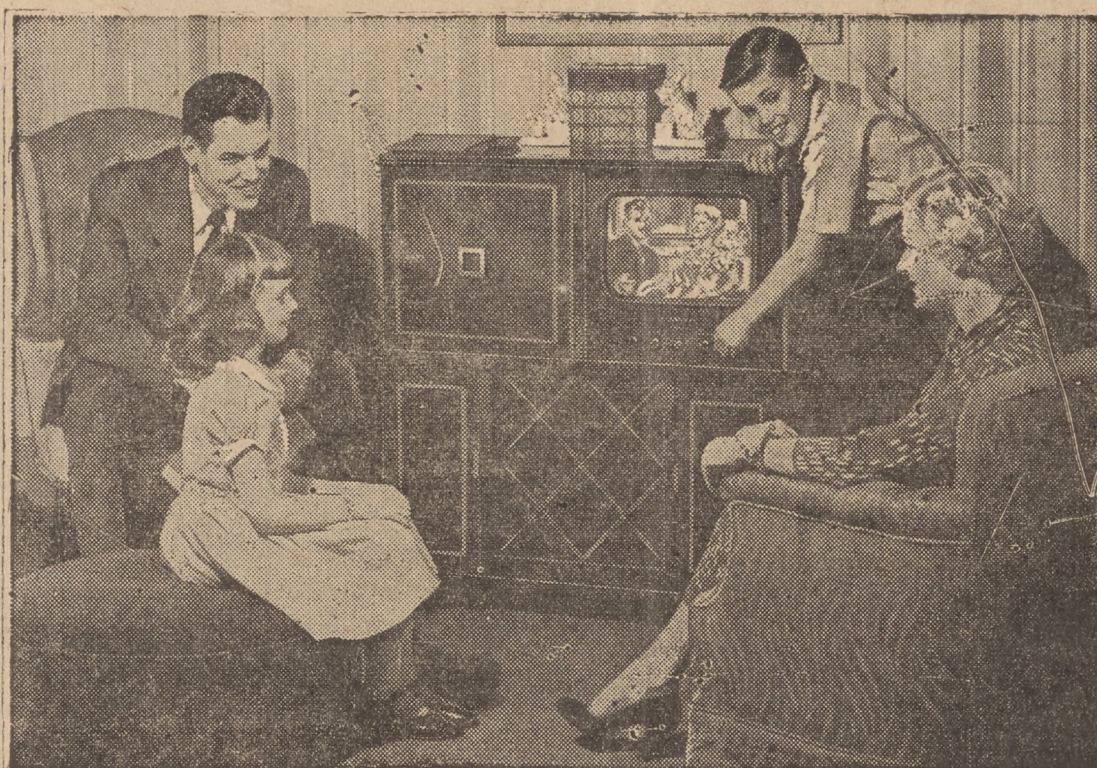
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Better Signs for Roads Requested

Declaring that "numerous accidents and near-accidents" have occurred in the vicinity, a letter from the Moraga Valley Community Club requesting more adequate road signs was read at last week's meeting of the County Board of Supervisors in Martinez.

Signed by Janet Rhodes, secretary of the club, the letter urged more adequate signs "for intersections and right angle turns on the county road at Moraga Junction." The request was referred to

Europe Trip Told To Altar Society

The Santa Maria Altar Society met Tuesday last week at the home of Mrs. Berton Kohler, 6 Irving Lane in Sleepy Hollow.

Speaker was Mrs. Frank Erickson who gave an informal chat on her European tour of this summer. Films taken during her travels were shown.

There was a group communion for the Altar Society December 3.

Patronize Hometown Merchants.

County Surveyor Joseph Barkley for investigation.

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Students' Vocation Study Opened At Acalanes With WC Rotary's Aid

A comprehensive study of vocations open today for youngsters was inaugurated this week at Acalanes Union High School under the joint sponsorship of the Acalanes counseling department and the Walnut Creek Rotary Club.

The program being planned for the rest of the school year will allow students to sit in on panel discussions of professions and vocations with persons actively engaged in

the jobs being discussed.

FIRST HAND DATA

Students will be able to ask questions and get first hand data on the qualifications and general characteristics of the vocations that interest them.

Arrangements are being made to allow students the opportunity of further probing the vocation of their choice in private consultations with the business and professional people who sit in on the informative panels being held.

STUDENT INTERESTS

Vocations to be explored are being selected on the basis of student interests. The Walnut Creek Rotary and the school counseling department decided on the program after asking students what they thought they needed most at this juncture in their schooling.

The first panel meeting on jobs in engineering was held at Acalanes yesterday morning for approximately 15 students, mostly seniors, who expressed an interest in that field. The group met with engineers from the Shell Oil Company, Pacific Gas and Electric, the East Bay Municipal Utility District and the County Sanitary District.

John Nejedly of the Walnut Creek Rotary and Lee Russell, head of the Acalanes guidance department, are in charge of the new vocational study program which eventually will encompass all Acalanes students, ninth through 12th grades.

New Ministerial Association Has Monthly Meeting

The Central Contra Costa County Ministerial Association, organized last month, met December 6, at the Las Palmas Hotel in Walnut Creek at a breakfast gathering.

Officers for 1951 were elected, as follows: President, David Graham, Walnut Creek; Vice-President, Robert Carlson, Pleasant Hill; Secretary - Treasurer, Arthur Smith, Pleasant Hill.

The executive committee consists of Luther Berven, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette; Fred Morrow, Orinda Community Church; Harold Van Delinder, Danville, and Philip Solbjor, Walnut Creek. Publicity chairman is Albert Lestor, Walnut Creek.

The association includes clergy from Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek and Danville.

Next meeting will be held January 3, at the Valley Cafe in Danville, at an 8 a.m. breakfast session. Regular meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, with meeting places alternating in different communities.

STATE AGENCY'S TAX

The State Compensation Insurance Fund has sent its check for \$403,318.34 in payment of its annual premium tax bill to the state treasurer. In making this announcement, Paul Scharrenberg, chairman of the fund's Board of Directors, added that this payment brings the total taxes paid by the fund since 1917 to \$6,000,000.

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Children's Home Society Observes 59th Anniversary

Children's Home Society of California, California's long-established and nationally known licensed adoption agency, this week celebrates the 59th anniversary of its founding and chalks up a record of over 15,000 youngsters for whom it has found homes.

Clyde Getz, executive director of the society, which finds good homes for youngsters throughout the state, said:

"We've come a long way since Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Townsend started the agency in 1896 after the death of their only child, but the objectives have always been the same — providing opportunities for good homes and happy, normal lives for homeless children."

Three Building Permits Issued

Three residence and garage permits, a single residence okay and a residence addition permit were granted in Orinda area the week ending November 30.

The residence-garage construction permits were granted to:

Owner and builder W. J. Pollock, Orinda, \$6,804, Lot K Los Piedras, Vista Del Orinda, Lake Orinda Highlands.

Owner F. Smith, builder Hancock Construction Company, Lafayette, \$8,403, Lot 31 Parkland Drive and Glorietta Boulevard, Moraga Gardens No. 1.

Owner Penn Wilson, builder R. B. Ellis, El Cerrito, \$10,620, portion Lot 41, Diablo View Drive Orinda Uplands.

Owner R. Usinger, Orinda Court, Orinda, was given an okay for a residence addition, Lot 8 and 9, Orinda Court, Orinda Vista.

The single residence permit was to owner W. H. Summs, \$11,412, portion Lot 10, Tara Road and Nonie Road, Tara Brook, Bailey Construction Company, Lafayette, builders.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Watch your step! Pointing out that this season of the year is particularly hazardous for walkers, California Highway Patrol blamed the high pedestrian accident rate on the longer hours of darkness, poorer visibility and preoccupation on the part of many pedestrians.



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A number of people have inquired about mice and rat control of late. During the rain and cold, these pests are driven indoors and offer quite a problem. Thanks to the University of Wisconsin research department there is now a fool-proof poison on the market. The name is Warfarin.

This is a dehydrating poison and is especially effective where the rodents cannot be gotten to. In other words, this poison dehydrates the animal and there is no "smell" or "odor" from under the house to be cleaned out. So if you're troubled with rodents, why not drop in and try a packet. That's all for this week, see you next.

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Mrs. Gorrill Butler is the newly elected chairman of the Walnut Branch of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay.

She will be assisted by Mrs. William F. Anderson, vice chairman; Mrs. D. Charles Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Jager, recording secretary, and Mrs. Clifford Dahlgren, corresponding secretary, when she takes office the first Thursday in January.

Mrs. Harmon Howard has again invited the children of the mem-

bers of Walnut Branch to meet Santa Claus at her home Wednesday. An annual Christmas party is given by Mrs. Howard at her home on Walnut Blvd. for the children of the Branch members.

The Walnut Branch has just completed a very successful year under the leadership of Mrs. Milton Vail. All the money which is raised by the Branch is used to help pay the medical expenses of the charity or part pay patients from Contra Costa County.

Schools Plan Christmas Party

A Christmas party at both Orinda and Glorietta Schools will be held today, last day before holiday vacation. Orinda Mothers Club is planning arrangements for this party. Santa Claus will be present at 11 a.m. for the morning kindergarten and again at 1 p.m. for the rest of the classes. He will present each child with some candy. Individual room observances are being planned by the teachers and room mothers.

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By BERT WRIGHT
THE CHRISTMAS ROSE (Helleborus), whose name associates so closely with the Christmas season, is of ancient origin.

One legend which I recall reading some years ago said that on Christmas, when the shepherds, guided by the star, went to do homage to the Child of Bethlehem, a little girl followed them to the inn. But when she found that they had brought offerings of doves and fruits and honey, she turned away, too ashamed to enter the stable empty-handed.

AS SHE WAS wandering and weeping in the early dawn, a light suddenly shone about her and an angel appeared, asking the reason for her tears.

The little girl explained that she was poor and had no offering to give the Babe of Bethlehem.

Hearing this, the angel brushed the ground with shining wings. Everywhere sprang up the lovely white flowers of the Christmas Rose.

GATHERING GREAT bunches, the child hurried back to the inn.

The three Kings and their followers were before her, bearing gifts, but when the Holy Child saw the girl with her flowers He smiled and stretched out tiny hands for the lovely blossoms.

THE HELLEBORUS belongs to the buttercup family, and there are a number of different species, most of them natives of Europe.

Best known to American gardeners is the black Hellebore (Helleborus Niger), so called because of

its black root stock.

Lenten Rose (Helleborus Orientalis) is another of these interesting plants.

VALUE of the Hellebores lies in the fact that they bloom during the winter. They come at a time when the garden is almost destitute of bloom and stand out beautifully amid their bleak and wintry setting.

Of rare beauty and perfect hardiness, they send up their lovely blooms during the coldest weather when given only the slightest protection, such as the overhanging branches of evergreen trees. They make fine cut flowers.

HELLEBORUS NIGER blooms during December and January. Because of this late blooming period, they should be planted where they may have some protection from freezing winds. A northern exposure is perfectly all right but it shouldn't be windswept.

Give them a space where they may remain undisturbed for years because they do not stand moving very well. Dig the soil deeply and allow plenty of room for the increase.

WHEN GIVEN the proper location and a good garden soil, the Christmas Rose will grow on for years.

It provides a source of real delight to gardeners who like a bit of bloom to look upon during winter days, or perhaps a few beautiful cut flowers for an indoor bouquet.

Menuhin to Play With Symphony

The final pre-Christmas concerts by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra take place in the Opera House Thursday evening, December 21, at 8:30 and Friday afternoon, December 22, at 2:15. (There is no Saturday night performance.)

Audiences at these concerts will receive a special Christmas package when Pierre Monteux, conductor, presents not only a distinguished guest violinist, but also a glorious choral work in honor of the season.

YEHUDI MENUHIN

San Francisco's "own" Yehudi Menuhin will appear as soloist in Bela Bartok's brilliant Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. Since Yehudi made his startling debut here at the age of seven, he has become the most widely-traveled of violinists.

His innumerable appearances for the Allied Armed Forces during the last war and for benefits since the war, have taken him literally to all corners of the earth, thrilling audiences of all nationalities. General Lucius Clay said, after an appearance in Berlin in 1947, "Yehudi Menuhin is the best ambassador America has sent to us since the war."

Menuhin met Bela Bartok in 1943 and a firm bond of friendship exist-

Men's Garden Club Rounds Out Year

William Penn Mott, Jr., of Orinda, superintendent of parks for the City of Oakland, addressed the Mt. Diablo Men's Garden Club at its regular monthly meeting recently at Planters Dock.

His subject, "Trees Suitable for Street Planting," was highlighted by personal observations made during visits to various park developments throughout the country.

The club rounds out another year

ed between violinist and composer until Bartok's death. Menuhin introduced a violin sonata written especially for him in 1944, and considers Bartok "one of the greatest of contemporary composers."

CHORAL OFFERING

Menuhin's appearance in the Bartok Concerto follows the playing of Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D Major. After intermission, Monteux and the orchestra will be joined by the chorus and soloists for a presentation of the Magnificat by Johann Sebastian Bach. This cantata, so-called from the first word of the Latin text, was composed in Leipzig for Christmas, 1723.

Tickets are on sale at the Opera-Symphony box office, Sherman, Clay

R. T. Effinger Back From Business Trip

R. T. Effinger of Johnson Road returned last week from an extended business trip through the East. Mr. Effinger, who is an engineer for the Shell Oil Company in Martinez, spent most of the two-months that he was away in St. Louis. He also attended meetings in New York.

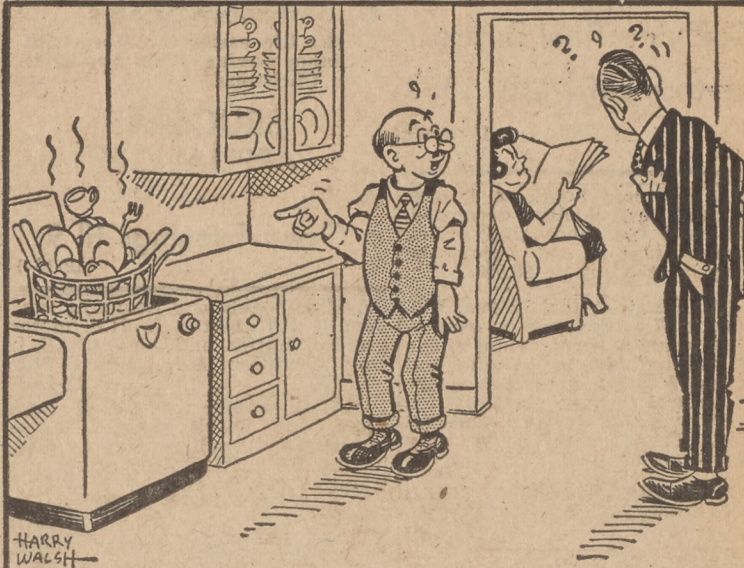
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Program Today By J.C. Choirs

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Under the leadership of Shully Miller, director of vocal music for both campuses, the mixed choir will present a broad musical offering. The program will include "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach, Roy Ringwald's "Song of Christmas" and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Vaxten Strong.

Several other solos in keeping with the Christmas spirit will be sung by baritone John Patton. A group of the more popular Christmas carols will be sung by the men's glee club of the West Campus.

New Interior Decorators Open

The new attractive redwood structure a quarter mile east of Lafayette, between Butler Auto Company and Jellett's Suburban Shops, is the new home of Werness and Lewis, Interiors.

This new shop will feature special orders of furniture, fabrics and wallpapers.

Partner Virginia Lewis was an interior decorator with Layton of San Mateo; Otto Werness was formerly with Jellett's, and his son, Blair, who worked with him in their own shop in Minnesota, will add his experience to the business.

The modern structure in which the new interior decoration shop is located encloses a planted patio which is a handsome background for the furniture and fabrics displayed.

Bishopp-Kneidler will occupy their new building immediately west of the new interior decoration shop following its completion. Construction has just been started.

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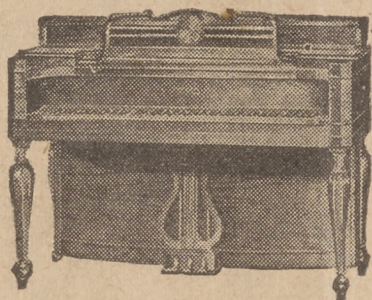
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